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FREEDOM'S VOICE

Published by a non-partisan group of democrats, republicans, and independents dedicated to presenting *truth that frees*, and to exposing *deceit that enslaves*.

SHOCKING TRUTH

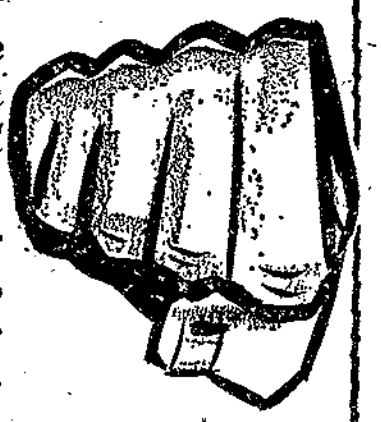
1 BILLION PEOPLE SOLD INTO COMMUNIST SLAVERY BY LIBERALS USING YOUR MONEY

DOCUMENTED PROOF

Communist soldiers lift their victim, 18 year old Peter Fechter, across barbed wire after shooting the youth in the back as he attempted escape to freedom across the Berlin Wall. After being shot the youth was left screaming in pain at the foot of the wall where he had fallen for 45 minutes until he died. This 50th slaying since the wall was built brought no protest from U.S. liberals who advocate more and more appeasement and concessions to the communists.

SOVIET FORTUNE-TELLER

"War to the hilt between communism and capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. (Today) To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions. The capitalistic countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."



— Dimitri Manuilski, Moscow, 1931, at one time presiding officer of U.N. Security Council.

Liberals Don't Want You To See This Paper

THIS IS YOUR ENEMY

COMMUNISM IN ACTION

This is not a pleasant picture, nor is the true story connected with it pleasant. Yet only by studying the revolting picture of communism in action can we know the true nature of our deceptive enemy and try to avoid the same fate which is planned for us.

On the morning of March 15 some 400 communist terrorists attacked the experimental farm at M'Bridge, Angola, Africa. Manuel L. Alves, a survivor, gave this documented testimony:

"The assault began at 6 in the morning and all the houses on the farm, whether they belonged to Europeans, Africans, or mulattoes, were attacked simultaneously. My African boy, Joao, ran to the house next door to try and get some ammunition but he was caught half-way and beheaded and castrated before my eyes.

"The white, mulatto, and negro women were dragged out of their houses together with their children. In front of the mothers, the terrorists then proceeded to cut off the legs and arms of the children and then started to play a grotesque game of football with the twitching bodies.

*"The women and girls were then led away, stripped, raped and cut up. Many of them were killed by stuffing large branches of trees into their vaginas. They tied one young girl of 18 to a tree, crucified her and then, while she was still alive, they cut off her breasts and put one in each of her outstretched hands."**

Shocking? Horrible? Yes, but not as shocking as Adlai Stevenson voting at the U.N. to censure Portugal for fighting back against this vile attack. But such is the way of our liberals. You may always depend upon them to censure those who oppose communism.

Lest you think that this is an isolated incident we hasten to point out that such atrocities have been the pattern in every country taken over by the communists. In Europe the Russian soldiers committed mass rape of all women from 10 to 50. In China, North Korea, Tibet, and other victim countries unspeakable tortures were used to suppress the opposition. See page 4 for the true account of what is happening in Cuba, only 90 miles from our shores.

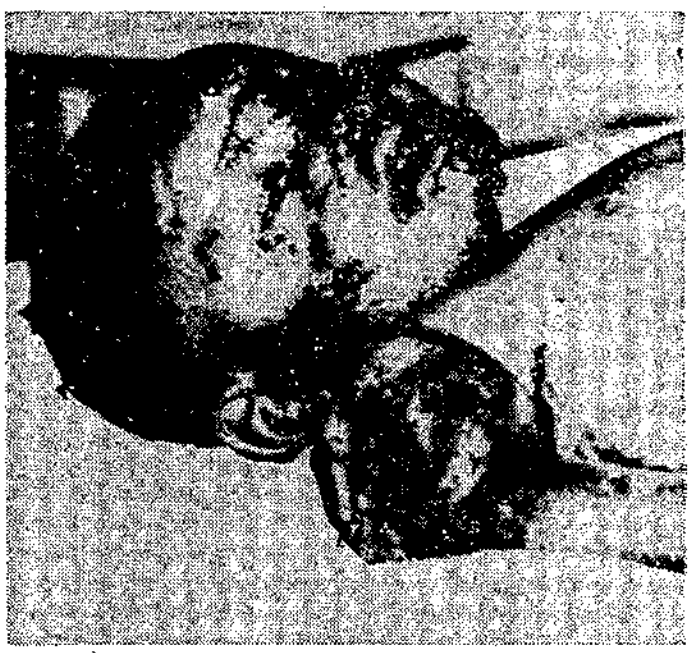
The truth is that the liberal press actually suppresses or plays down the ugly truth about communism in action. Why? Because in many cases they are either doped themselves, or infiltrated with leftist writers. We have all seen how the NEW YORK TIMES painted the Chinese communists as nice agrarian reformers, and Castro as another Abraham Lincoln, and we have heard Whittaker Chambers testify that TIME magazine had a large secret communist cell when he was a senior editor. No wonder you cannot read the truth in the liberal press. This is why you must seek it elsewhere if you are to remain free.

*ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 15, Portuguese-American Committee on Foreign Affairs, Boston.

WARNING:

"It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these mis-guided "authorities" fail to realize is that the Communist Party, USA, is an integral part of international communism . . . Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide."

—J. Edgar Hoover



U.N. CONGO ATROCITY

This boy was one innocent victim of U.N. troops attacking Katanga. This Christian governed country committed the crime of wanting to remain free and independent of communist connections. Your money paid for this and other atrocities.

THEY HATE YOU

"We hate Christianity and Christians; even the best of them must be looked upon as our worst enemies. They preach the love of our neighbors and mercy, which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with the love of our neighbors; what we want is hatred. We must learn how to hate, and it is only then that we shall conquer the world."

—Lunatcharsky
Russian Commissar of Public Relations

WHAT IS COMMUNISM?

Fascism, Naziism (National Socialism), Communism, & socialism are all basically the same. All are founded on a belief that the state is a god which every human being must serve.

Under this system the individual has no God-given rights or freedoms. There is no private property or free enterprise since all are owned by the state.

The state consists of the party members, less than 1% of the population, who are absolute rulers and slave masters of all.

The state is a welfare state with the right to enslave, murder, deceive, and destroy, as long as this is done in the interest of the state.

World enslavement is the goal because even one free nation would provide hope and unrest among the enslaved millions.

Free nations are to be destroyed by infiltration of government and communications in order to gradually sabotage defense and brainwash the nation in preparation for complete take-over.

Deception is a major weapon of the communists. They usually operate under the cloak of liberalism and cry for peace, peace, peace at any price, meaning surrender. All who dare to raise a voice in opposition to sell-out and surrender are quickly smeared with names such as extremists, war mongers, Birchers, McCarthyites, etc. The liberal press plays a key part in such smears.

Why do wealthy liberals fall easy prey to communism? Simply because atheistic materialism is the most fertile breeding place for this cancer of the intellect. This is why they seek to keep all prayer and instruction in moral and spiritual values from our youth.

A MANUAL FOR SURVIVAL,
is a book published by The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois.
In this book you will find an expose of the most clever enemy we have ever faced.

WHO'S A HAM?

Perhaps you are unaware of the fact that you can now go to the grocery and buy a real Polish ham produced by communist slave labor, subsidized with your money, and transported here free with your money to compete with American hams produced by free American labor and agriculture.

This is all part of the State Dept. program to prevent the spread of communism by subsidizing it, and by undermining free American labor and agriculture at the same time.

CHRIST AN EXTREMIST?

The liberals will be shocked to discover that the Bible glorifies those who went to extremes for their faith. In fact we find moderates being condemned in no uncertain terms:

"I know thy works; thou are neither cold nor hot. I would that thou were cold or hot. But because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit thee out of my mouth."

Apocalypse, 3:15-16

Then of course we have the countless martyrs who went to the extreme of following Christ in giving their lives for the faith.

Your State Department Subsidizes Communism

LIBERALS MAKE 1 BILLION SLAVES

NO CIVIL RIGHTS HERE

The democrat liberal hypocrites who are now pretending concern for negro civil rights, were never concerned about the rights of 1 billion human beings they deliberately sold into atheistic communist slavery.

FACT, NOT FICTION

The greatest betrayal in the history of the world took place at Yalta when Roosevelt, advised by State Dept. communist, Alger Hiss, gave to Red butcher, Stalin, all the people of Poland, East Germany, Czechoslavakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Albania.

Even the thousands who had fled from the communists during the war were forced by our dear liberals to return to certain slavery and death. No concern for civil rights there.

The fact that the Russian armies were engaged in orgies of mass rape of hundreds of thousands of innocent women, including thousands of young school girls in the occupied countries, as a part of the communist subjugation technique, was of no matter to our liberals here.

PROGRESS?

Roosevelt was the first in the civilized world to extend diplomatic recognition to the communist gangsters. When he delivered Poland and other countries into their hands he knew of Stalin's atrocities in exterminating 6,000,000 peasants in the Ukraine alone.

Your editor personally had several American communists tell him that the extermination of European peasants was necessary to make way for progress. By progress they mean the communist slave state.

MORE QUISLING BETRAYALS

Quislings Alger Hiss and others in our democrat appointed State Dept. next betrayed into communist slavery and torture 400,000,000 Chinese, plus all of Yugoslavia, North Korea, North Viet Nam, Indonesia, Laos, and CUBA.

TREASON

For the incontrovertible documented proof of these greatest betrayals in the history of the world, a story to shock the most hardened, read the dynamite laden book, NONE DARE CALL IT TREASON, advertised on our last page.

GREAT DEMOCRAT BETRAYAL

"There is nothing wrong with the communists, some of my best friends are communists."
—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

CARDINAL CUSHING'S WARNING

"For the past 25 years the United States has by and large been pursuing a policy of appeasement before Soviet Russia . . . if we are to save our country, it is clear we must halt this process which came to a new high point with the invitation to Nikita Khrushechev to visit the United States in 1959."

ARE WE GUILTY?

"The most shocking fact about the Soviet slave system is that the world has not been shocked . . . And while this indifference prevails, free men share the guilt for what transpires behind the iron curtain."
—Eugene Lyons

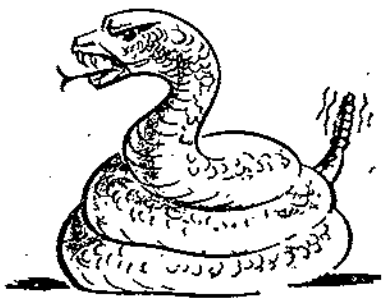
IN BED WITH A RATTLESNAKE

Coexistence with communism is like going to bed with a live rattlesnake. As a matter of fact, however, in bed with a rattlesnake, you would have a better chance for survival than would any democratic nation have while attempting coexistence with communist gangsters.

FRIED SNOWBALLS

"Coexistence is an nonsensical as fried snowballs."
—Russian General Zhukov

(Reprinted from CHICAGO TRIBUNE)



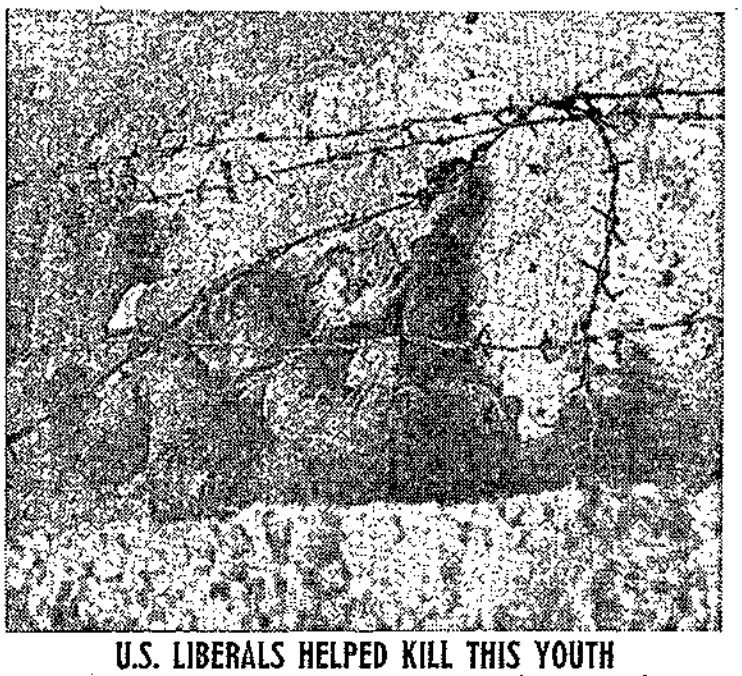
TRUST THEM?

J. Edgar Hoover tells us how Russian President K. Voroshilov boasted of a personal betrayal:

"Voroshilov told Bullitt that he urged the 11,000 officers at Kiev to surrender (during revolution) and, if they would surrender, he would guarantee that they and their families would be allowed to return to their homes. Voroshilov then boasted that after they had surrendered, he executed all 11,000 officers, all male children, and put the wives and daughters into the brothels for the use of the Red Army."

ARE WE UNCONSCIOUS?

"It is characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unconscious of the tragedy."
—Bishop Fulton Sheen



U.S. LIBERALS HELPED KILL THIS YOUTH

Peter Fecter, 18, lies dying after being shot in the back by Berlin Wall communist guards. The communists deliberately permitted the youth to lie here for almost an hour screaming in agony while hundreds of people on both sides watched. This was to serve as a lesson for others. U.S. troops, on orders from our no-win appeasement State Dept. not to interfere, watched helplessly.

Peter was the 50th victim of the Berlin Wall which is made possible for the communists by our State Dept. in violation of all treaties.

LIBERALS CANNOT DENY THESE DAMNING FACTS

CASTRO LIKE LINCOLN, SAYS N. Y. TIMES

..When the Red gangsters moved into China, the N. Y. Times and our communist infiltrated State Dept. told us they were innocent agrarian reformers. So we helped them take over all of China.

When the Red fascist gangsters moved next door to Cuba the N. Y. Times and the State Dept. gave us the same farmer fable adding a blasphemous comparison of butcher Castro with Abraham Lincoln.

Today all talk of saving the people of Cuba from their fate is silenced in the liberal press and no-win State Dept. The missiles are still pointing at our country, and the world is still laughing at the spectacle of big cowardly Uncle Sam paying a big ransom to gangster Castro.

Christ said that "the truth shall make you free." It is apparent that the liberal press is not interested in giving us this truth. But if you wish to remain free you must find truth elsewhere.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO STOP PATRONIZING LIBERAL PUBLICATIONS WHICH PRINT THE NO-WIN APPEASEMENT LINE.

FREE SAMPLE N. Y. TIMES APPEASEMENT

Believe it or not, this belly-crawling, no-win appeasement comment came from an American newspaper, none other than the N.Y. Times:

"While the Soviets seek to stir up revolution and war against us wherever they can — even to the perfidy of the Hitler-Stalin pact — we must seek to discourage anti-Communist revolts in order to avert bloodshed and war. We must, under our principles, live with evil even if by doing so we help to stabilize tottering Communist regimes, as in East Germany, and perhaps even expose citadels of freedom, like West Berlin, to slow death by strangulation."

In other words, better Red than dead, everybody now follow the N.Y. Times cowardly advice and surrender.

We suggest that the N.Y. Times give us a good example by moving themselves behind the iron curtain "to discourage anti-Communist revolts."

FANTASTIC!

"If, for a moment, the grandiose Red plan is scoffed at as being fantastic, consider that ¼ of the land surface of the world and ⅓ of the peoples of the earth are now controlled by the world-wide communist bloc. J. Edgar Hoover

This Firing Squad Brought To Cuba By Courtesy Of U.S. State Dept. & N. Y. Times

At this very moment Cuban patriots are dying before Castro firing squads at our doorstep. An eyewitness tells us the Cubans die bravely shouting, "VIVA CUBA LIBRE! VIVA CRISTO REY!" (Long live Cuban Freedom, Long live Christ the King!)

And at this same moment in communist countries such as Yugoslavia and Poland, huge steel plants made in the U.S.A. & brought to the communists as a gift from our State Dept. paid for with your money, are turning out steel for Castro's guns. Of course, some of the guns were actually given to Castro by our State Dept. in the days when we were helping him into power, knowing that he is a communist assassin from way back.

The Sept. issue of READERS DIGEST tells the true story of the Bay of Pigs betrayal. Here again our no-win appeasement State Dept. in the persons of Stevenson and Rusk and company deliberately sabotaged our opportunity to free Cuba. This is treason and if we do not take action to drive these traitors from our midst we will shortly pay the same price paid by Cuba.

LIFE IN CASTRO'S PARADISE

This report was published by the International Commission of Jurists sitting at Geneva:

"I was in a waterproof cell. They would pump water in until it reached my neck, then drain it until only an inch remained. I was never dry; and I never knew when they would start to pump in water."

"I was among 458 women in four halls. We slept on the floor. The food was inadequate and bad—a hash full of hair. Three women went mad after being told night after night what would happen to us. Two others had miscarriages."

"I heard an army officer say to another woman visiting her husband that, if she spent the night with him, she could go with her husband the next morning."

"We were ordered to lie on the floor. Sub-machine guns were fired and a number were wounded and then died. Later I was put in a cell for 50 with 106 other women. We had one toilet, one wash-bowl."

"I was taken to a cemetery; and put up against the wall, as if to be shot. They used blanks; and all of them had a good laugh."

"I was in a punishment cell 6 ft. wide by 9 ft. long by 7 ft. high. There was no daylight. Up to 10 prisoners, all naked, stayed in the cell for a minimum of six months."

"I saw a fellow prisoner who had taken part in an uprising. He had been tortured—he had black-eyes and a mark around his neck, as if he had been strung up."

The people affected are men and women from the very young to the very old. From the age of 9 on up—none were or are safe. No trial by jury, no inspection of jails, no bother with sanitation.

Children are taken from parents at an early age, placed in boarding schools for communist indoctrination, and many are sent to Russia for schooling.

DIEM AND CASTRO LITTLE ELSE IN COMMON

— Courtesy Brooklyn Tablet, Nov. 14, 1963

N. Y. Times Wrong Again

The N.Y. Times told us that the Diem regime in Viet Nam was persecuting Buddhists. They played up the Buddhist monks suicides. Yet now that they have succeeded in sabotaging Diem who was winning the war against the communists, they do not tell you that the Buddhist monks are still committing suicide at regular intervals.

THIS CAN HAPPEN HERE

MADNESS OR TREASON?

WHAT SAY YOU?

Treason is defined as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

Tito is a communist gangster, our sworn enemy. With your money our democratic State Dept. has armed this murderer of thousands. Even when he shot down unarmed U.S. planes and murdered the crews. Our State Dept. rewarded him with additional billions and actually brought the communist pilot murderers of our airmen to this country, not to execute them for their crime, but to train them to fly new jet planes we were giving them.

THE RECORD:

In 15 years gangster Tito was given almost $3,000,000,000 in U.S. aid including:

- *Enough modern jets to give him the 5th largest airforce in the world.*
- *War materials of all kinds.*
- *A nuclear reactor.*
- *Newsprint for communist propaganda.*
- *Entire steel plants and other machinery.*
- *Petroleum.*
- *Electronic tubes.*
- *Steel pipe*
- *Copper cable*
- *Etc., etc., etc.*

At this very moment, while we continue to pour more billions into this communist gangster, he has set up Russian missiles and aimed them at our defenses.

People once said we were crazy for selling scrap iron to Japan before Pearl Harbor.

SEE A DOCTOR

If your blood is not boiling after reading these facts we suggest that you see a doctor for an immediate transfussion.

KENNEDY WELCOMES COMMUNIST GANGSTER TITO WITH YOUR MONEY

Although Tito massacred thousands of Christians in his own country, murdered Yugoslav patriots who helped Americans during the war, shot down unarmed U.S. planes, supported the slaughter of Hungarian freedom fighters, gave aid to Castro and the Chinese communists, he was wined and dined by President Kennedy at the White House with your money paying the bills as usual.

WHEAT SHIP ATTACKED

A few weeks ago a Russian warship brazenly fired on a U.S. wheat ship on the high seas. The communists not only stopped the ship, but also forced it to return to a Russian port.

The American captain was insolently informed that the pretense for this act of war was that the ship had not cleared properly after leaving its gift cargo of wheat in the Russian port.

Our State Dept. reacted swiftly to this incident by increasing the amount of wheat and foreign aid we are giving the communists.

This brings to mind what Khrushchev said of us:

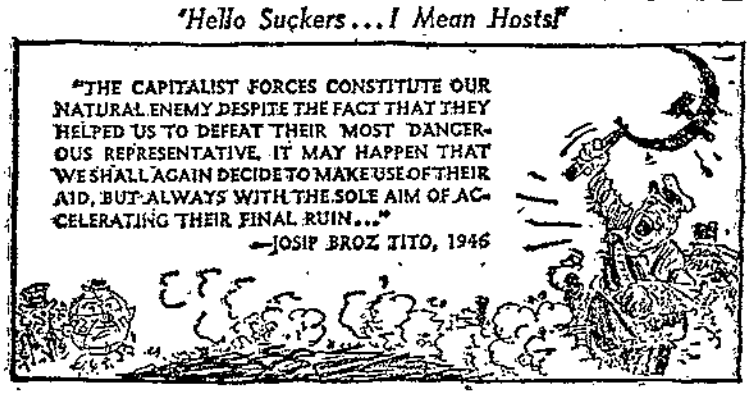
"You spit in their faces and they smilingly wipe it away and reply 'The dew is very heavy today.'"

This incident happened only a few days before the torpedo boat incident. It showed the world our complete cowardice. It is as if a man is slapped in the face by a big bully but refuses to fight back. Later a small child slaps the same man who bravely returns the blow.

Please wipe off the spit before reading further.

ALWAYS BEING INTERRUPTED

'Hello Suckers ... I Mean Hosts!'



Courtesy Nashville Banner

HOW TO GET RICH EASY

Would you like to make a few billions in tax-free U.S. dollars? It's easy. Here's a tried and proven method.

Get a few communist gangsters together and take over some non-communist government by murdering the opposition, like Tito did in Yugoslavia. Don't worry, Moscow will give you all the help you need in the initial take-over.

Next shoot down a few unarmed American planes, take away all freedom from your own people, fill the jails and concentration camps, wipe out free enterprise, murder and enslave, suppress all religion. Then inform the U.S. State Dept. that you are an independent communist gangster and require a few billions from the American taxpayers' pockets to keep you in power.

You will immediately find the State Dept. liberals rushing to give you billions in arms, equipment, cash, food, and anything your heart desires—free, no strings attached, compliments of U.S. taxpayers. Also expect invitations to come to Washington, transportation furnished, where you will be wined, dined and furnished with call girls all at gov. expense.

This method is infallible, and everlasting. Year after year you will receive billions in handouts. Just remember to threaten and insult the U.S. at regular intervals and remain a communist gangster. Be assured that this is all part of the State Dept. plan to prevent the spread of communism by subsidizing it.

This plan worked well for Tito, Poland, and many others. It can work for you too if you play your cards right.

YOU STAMP RED MAIL

Since March 17, 1961 the democratic administration has ordered the U.S Post Office to deliver free tons of communist propaganda sent to this country by Russia, most of it going to schools and libraries.

To paraphrase a popular song, INCREDIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE, IMPROBABLE but fantastically true.

TEXANS PROTEST

When Major Harry Knickerbocker, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, revealed that Communist Yugoslav pilots were being trained at Perris Air Force Base, he triggered a series of nightly meetings by irrate Texas Citizens.

The liberal press suppressed this news.

GOLDWATER OPPOSES AID TO COMMUNISTS

ASSASSINS WELCOME

WHY NOT HITLER?

Why did we not welcome Hitler to the White House, wine him dine him, take him on a tour of the country, give him billions in arms, train his jet pilots, invite him to summit conferences, recommend coexistence, let him shoot down our unarmed planes, and sit idly by while he enslaved 1 billion people and even took over Cuba on our door-step?

We could have said, "Better Nazi than dead," and invited him to join the U.N., giving him veto power and more votes than we have. And we could have armed his satelite countries, set up joint nuclear projects with him, paid his bills in the U.N., and promised no interference when any of his slave countries gave him trouble. And of course we could have delivered his propaganda free to our schools and libraries, ignored his atrocities, and admitted his henchmen into our State Dept. and any other gov. post they chose.

Ridiculous? Nonsense? Acually it is less ridiculous than our present policy.

We had learned that it was folly to appease gangster Hitler, but now our State Dept. has us welcome far worse gangsters, and tax our people to subsidize their world enslavement of 1 billion people.

BARRY GOLDWATER OPPOSES THIS BETRAYAL, THEREFORE HE IS LABELED AN EXTREMIST.

For documented incontrovertible proof of history's greatest betrayal, read NONE DARE CALL IT TREASON, a book you dare not ignore (see last page).

Welcome, Comrade! says Averell Harriman, U.S. State Dept.

INCREDIBLE BUT TRUE

Because of the fact that the Administration refuses to fire or even investigate known communists in the State Dept. your government is now riddled with appeasers and quislings.

In Nov. 1963, Otto F. Otepka, chief of the Div. of Evaluations, Office of Security, was fired, not for being a communist or giving information to the enemy, but for telling the truth about communist infiltration to a U.S. Senate Internal Security Sub-committee.

Actually experts say that the infiltration is now so heavy that it will be easier to abolish the State Dept. entirely rather than to attempt a clean-out.

FIGHT OR PERISH

"If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival." —Winston Churchill

WORSE THAN ATOMIC WAR

"There may be even a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves." —Winston Churchill

U.S. (Us Saps)

In the past the U.S.A. was a nation of courageous people and courageous leaders respected everywhere in the world. No other nation would dare to lay a hand on an American citizen or insult the American flag, much less attack an American Embassy anywhere.

When the Tripoli pirates sought to intimidate and blackmail us, the cry, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute!" spread throughout the nation. We had sense enough to know that cowardly appeasement for gangster nations is not the way to peace, but the way to war and defeat.

The English tried to appease Hitler and have "peace in our times." Because they were too soft to stand up to this gangster they were rewarded with a bloody war which would have destroyed them had it not been for our intervention.

Today the U.S. has become the *world champion appeaser.* Our motto is billions for appeasement of communist gangsters. We pretend to be champions of civil rights while the world knows we are subsidizing communist enslavement of millions. No wonder we have become the world's laughing stock.

Even little Castro was able to spit in our face and extract millions in ransom money while the world laughed at Us Saps. Of course the liberal press told you it was a great victory for us.

And so we retreat, retreat, retreat, and retreat some more, and appease, appease, and appease some more, always under the pretense that this is the road to peace when every idiot knows that it is the CERTAIN ROAD TO WAR, DEFEAT, AND ENSLAVEMENT.

Do you want your money to subsidize communist slavery all over the world? If so, vote for Johnson and be prepared for complete sell-out to the communists.

If you are sick and tired of sissies Adlai Stevenson, Rusk, McNamara, and our cowardly State Dept. cowtowing to gangsters with handouts of your money, then vote for Barry Goldwater, the only leader with the courage to throw the quislings and appeasers out of our State Dept.

YES, COMRADE, WE GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY

All communist gangsters always welcome at U.S. State Dept.

DEMOCRATS CANNOT DENY THIS

WHO MURDERED OUR PRESIDENT

WHO ARE GUILTY?

Did you know that Lee Harvey Oswald was a member of the world's biggest, most powerful, and most cruel crime syndicate, the Communist Party. This syndicate has enslaved 1,000,000,000 people in the world to date, has murdered millions in cold blood, and has its agents working undercover to sabotage every other government on the face of the earth.

It is estimated that during the past 30 years the communists have murdered and deported to Siberia upwards of 40,000,000 human beings. In the Russian Ukrain alone over 6,000,000 peasants were murdered and deported to Siberia in order to force the peasant farmers to give up their lands and homes to the communist communes.

At this very moment members of this syndicate are murdering your neighbors in Cuba, shooting people in the back for attempting to flee across the Berlin Wall, and assassinating whenever and wherever they feel it will help to destroy or weaken other governments.

Every member of this gangster syndicate, including Lee Harvey Oswald, has been taught that murder and assassination are acceptable methods of gaining world domination. Listen to the words of Lunatcharsky, a commissar of education:

"We hate Christianity and Christians; even the best of them must be looked upon as our worst enemies. They preach the love of our neighbors and mercy, which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with the love of our neighbors: what we want is hatred. We must learn how to hate, and it is only then that we shall conquer the world."

Castro started as a trained communist assassin and took part in assassinations and attempted assassinations on his way to power. William Epton, a Harlem Communist, was arrested in the recent riots there and charged with making these statements:

"We will not be fully free until we smash this state completely and totally . . . We're going to have to kill a lot of these cops, a lot of these judges, and we'll have to go up against their army."

Now you can easily see who trained Oswald and taught him that assassination is acceptable. World communism has been proven guilty of this countless times. But who made it possible for Oswald to return to the U.S. from Moscow where he had gone to study?

It has been admitted that our own State Dept. permitted Oswald to return to the U.S. after he had embraced communism and denounced his U.S. citizenship. This is not the first time our State Dept. has helped communists to enter this country, while deliberately denying entrance to anti-communists such as Christian Moise Tshombe of the Congo. Thus our own State Dept. must share the guilt fr our President's murder.

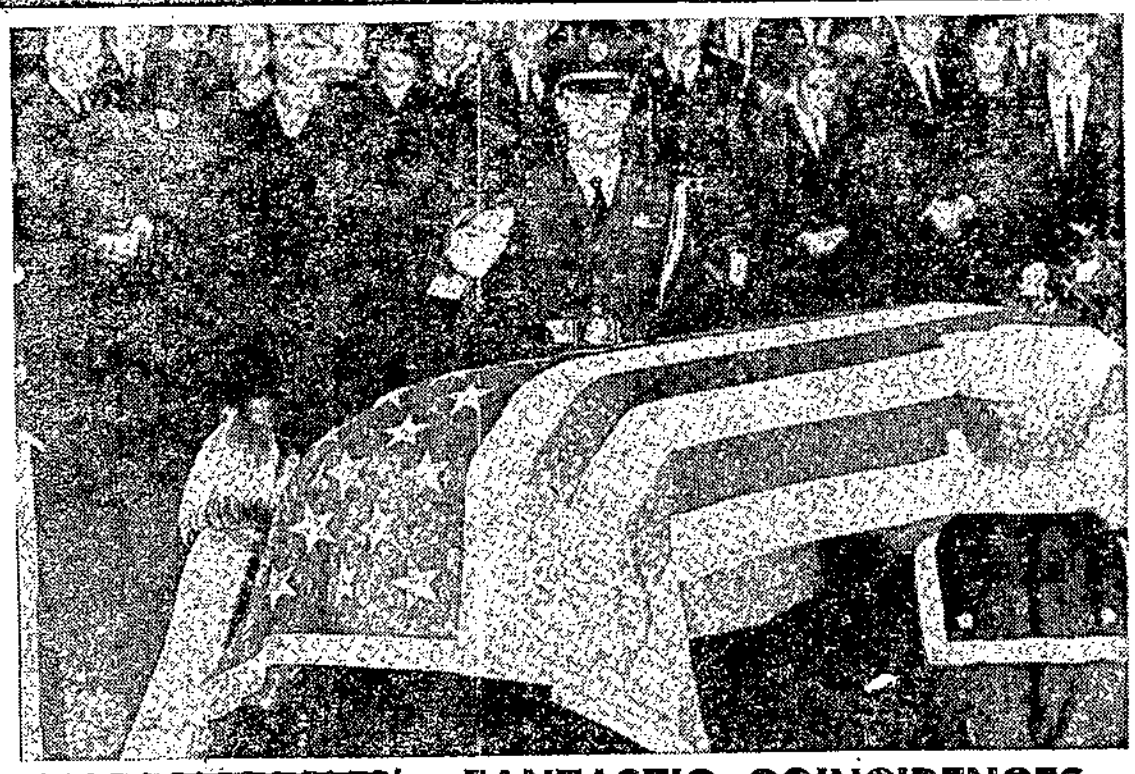
When Oswald did return to the U.S. without renouncing communism, he was given full freedom because our own Supreme Court has made it a point to nullify all laws Congress tried to set up to curtail the activities of known communists, and to protect our people and our President from these gangsters. Thus our Supreme Court must also share in the guilt for Kennedy's murder.

For years the liberal press, radio, and T.V. have sought to whitewash communism, preaching co-existence, tolerance of the enslavement and murder of millions, and intolerance for any who sought to ferret out the communists from our own government. They thru created a climate in which communists could actually thrive and be protected in our midst. The liberal press, radio, and T.V. therefore must also share in the guilt for the Kennedy murder.

You can see, then, why these fellow conspirators and dupes deliberately spread the lie that American patriots were guilty of murdering our President, and why they failed completely to charge the Communists with any guilt whatsoever.

If a Russian had defected to capitalism, escaped to America, and had then returned to Russia to assassinate Khruschev, we would have been accused of the murder in every corner of the globe.

So we lost a president to the communist gangsters and their henchmen in our midst, while the quislings in our own government refused to accuse the Communists of any guilt for this despicable murder in cold blood.



GIFT TAXES?

It should make every American boiling mad to learn that when we provide military supplies to some foreign countries, soft-head Uncle Sam pays taxes and tariff duties on those supplies that are destined for the defense of the benefited countries.

RED PARADISE

In Red China these prices were recently noted:

Eggs, 30c each; pears, 30c each; 10 bananas, $1.05; soap, 90c a bar; shoes, $40.80 a pair; bicycles, $170.80; wrist watch, only $859.60.

WHO'S A LIAR?

When Rep. Miller charged that we guaranteed the communists safety in Cuba, the State Dept. denied it.

The Chicago Tribune, however, reprinted Khrushchev's letter to President Kennedy:

"I regard with respect and confidence the statement you have made in your message of Oct. 27, 1962, that there will be no attack and no invasion of Cuba—neither by the United States, nor, as you have said in the message, by other nations of the western hemisphere."

Once again a liberal betrayal and deceit is exposed.

What Did You Learn In School Today?

Even a number of popular songs now follow the communist line, ridiculing our past history, calling for peace at any price, belittling defense of liberty, etc.

No longer is it noble and brave to fight in defense of your country. Today we are told to retreat, appease, and disarm in the face of the most cruel and powerful enemy our country ever faced.

Birchers Cleared

Scramento, Cal., June 12. The John Birch Society is not subversive or dangerous, a California state Senate committee reported today after a two year investigation.

The fact finding sub-committee, headed by Hugh Burns, a Democrat and Senate president pro tem, described the Birch society as a "right wing anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization" and said there was no evidence that it was secret, fascistic, anti-Semitic, or un-American.

That should stop another communist smear, but you may be certain that it will not even phase the liberal press.

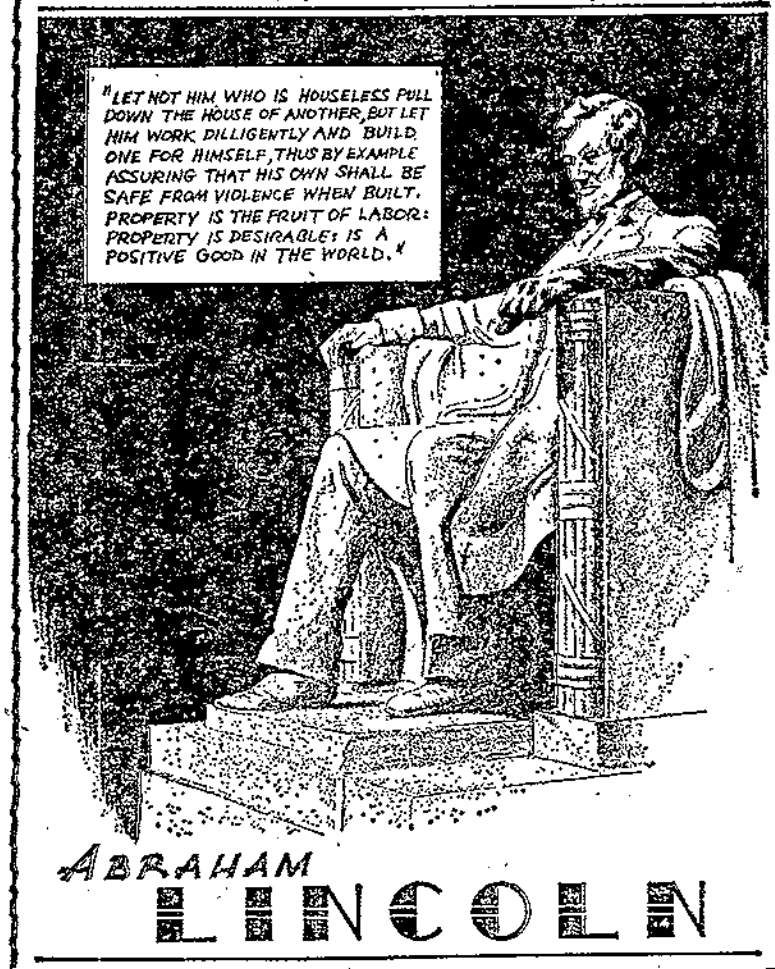
FANTASTIC COINCIDENCES

- Lincoln was elected in 1860; Kennedy in 1960.
- Lincoln and Kennedy both lost sons while in the White House.
- Lincoln and Kennedy were both assassinated while in office.
- Lincoln and Kennedy were both shot on Friday.
- Lincoln and Kennedy were both killed in presence of their wives.
- John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald in 1939.
- Booth and Oswald were both Southerners.
- Booth and Oswald both supported causes in disfavor.
- Booth and Oswald both were murdered before trial.
- Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, urged him not to go to the theater at which he was slain. Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, urged him not to go to Dallas.
- Both slain Presidents were succeeded by men named Johnson.
- Both Johnsons were southerners and Democrats.
- Both Johnsons served in the Senate before becoming Vice President.
- Andrew Johnson was born in 1808; L. B. Johnson in 1908.
- Andrew Johnson was NOT elected President. LBJ ? ? ? ?.

Lest you conclude that Lincoln and Kennedy were in all ways similar we hasten to point out that in many ways they were exact opposites. To cite only two:

- Lincoln was born in extreme poverty; Kennedy in extreme wealth.
- Lincoln had the courage to fight to free a people from slavery; Kennedy failed to fight to free the Cubans from Communist slavery (See the Sept. READER'S DIGEST for true account of Bay of Pigs betrayal of freedom).

The Sanctity of Private Property



CAPTIVE NATIONS MUST BE FREED

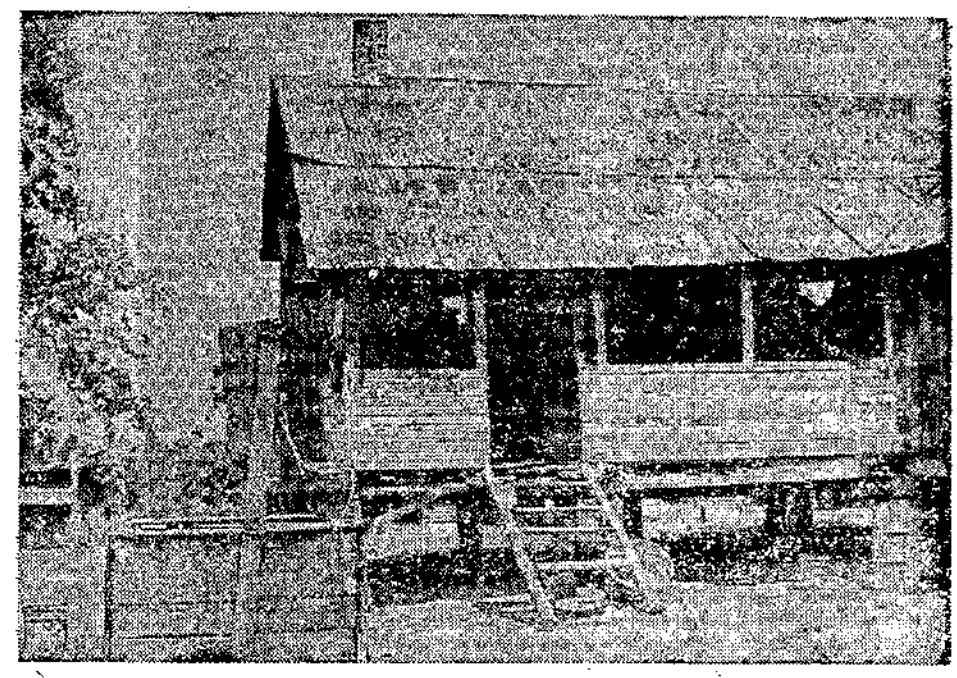
L. B. JOHNSON FOR EX-PRESIDENT

WILL YOU VOTE FOR DECEIT, CORRUPTION, AND COMMUNISM?

PHONY POVERTY HOUSE

Is Johnson here to fight poverty or to win votes? Is LBJ giving you truth or deception? You be the judge. Johnson said the income of this family was $1500. Later Mr. Marlow revealed that his income would be $4000. Mrs. Marlow told how the children were asked to pose without shoes in order to deceive voters.

REAL POVERTY HOUSE



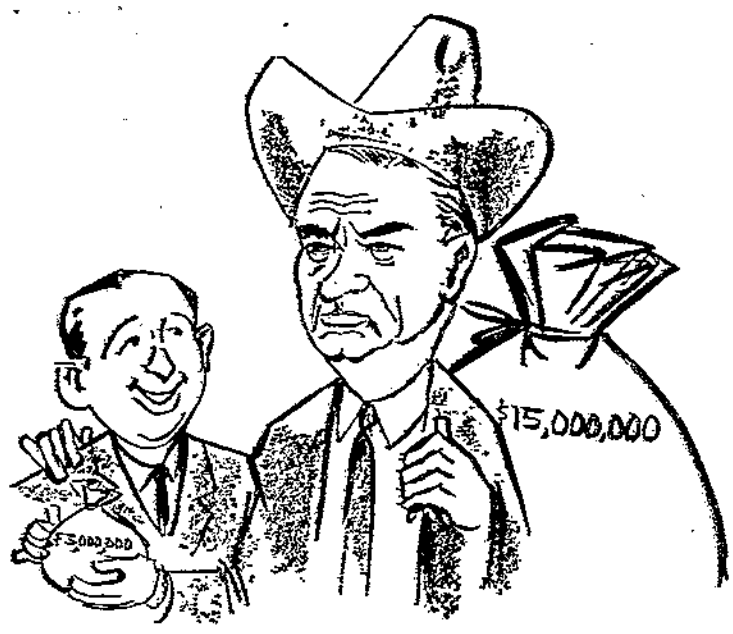
If you had this poverty stricken family and others like it on your $15,000,000 estates would you have to look for fake poverty houses? When the people living in these houses on the Johnson property asked for repairs of the horribly leaking roof they were given a few more pans in which to catch the water.

It was pointed out that the Johnsons could have helped these families merely by permitting the tenants to raise fruit and other crops on the large estate instead of restricting it to timber.

← DECEIT →

MORE DECEIT

Johnson recently issued a statement evaluating his wealth at $3,000,000, yet everyone in the nation knows the real value is $15,000,000 at least.



CORRUPTION

The Bobby Baker scandal is well known today. The fact is that the Democrats deliberately stopped the investigation. Here we have two samples of public office being used to gain wealth. Everyone knows this is impossible by honest means.

"I know I should refer to him as secretary to the majority, but my tongue even as my heart, says 'Bobby' instead . . . I consider him one of my most trusted, most loyal, and most competent friends."

—L. B. Johnson

Billy Sol Estes was another of Lyndon's friends. In spite of his conviction Billy remains free, driving around Texas in a pink Cadillac, and living in a $60,000 mansion.

COMMUNISM

We have read much about Communist infiltration in the Democrat no-win appeasement State Dept. Here, however, are a few of the platform resolutions of the Calif. Young Democrats:

- That the U.S. resume diplomatic relations with Castro.
- That the U.S. resume diplomatic relations and trade with Red China.
- That Red China be admitted to U.N.
- That the U.S. withdraw troops and aid from South Viet Nam.
- That the House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished.

LBJ A SOCIALIST?

Christianity and Judaism are based upon the right of private ownership. Communism and socialism teach that all property must be taken from those who have earned it. Johnson agrees with the communists on this:

"We are going to try to take all of the money that we think is unnecessarily being spent and take it from the 'haves' and give it to the 'have nots' that need it so much." —*Congl. Rec. p. 2227*

In plain language this means that after election if Johnson wins, more money will be given away and you will have higher taxes and some real inflation.

STILL MORE DECEIT

By pretending concern for the White House light bill Johnson sought to give the illusion of economy. But the fact is that he is spending $55,000,000 per day more than the Eienhower Administration.

ANYTHING FOR A VOTE

As LBJ says, "My record speaks for itself."

1937 Voted against anti-lynching bill and against anti-poll tax law.
1940 Voted against these again.
1942 Voted against these again.
1943 Voted against these again.
1945 Voted against these again.
1947 Voted against these again.
1948 Voted against these again.
1949 Voted against civil rights law.
1950 Voted against civil rights law.
1953 Voted against civil rights law.
1956 Voted against civil rights law.
1957 Voted against civil rights law.
1960 LBJ quoted as saying: "I am not now and never have been an advocate of civil rights. I don't think I ever will be."

MORE LIES FROM LYNDON

"I am unaware that I have ever driven past 70."
—LBJ, April 5, 1964

"A cream-colored Continental driven by the President flashed up a long Texas hill, swung into the left lane to pass cars poking along under 85 mph and thundered on over the crest of the hill—squarely into the path of an oncoming car. The President charged on, his paper cup of Pearl beer within easy sipping distance. The other motorist veered off the paved surface to safety on the road's shoulder. Groaned a passenger in the President's car when the ride was over: 'That's the closest John McCormack has come to the White House yet.'"
— Time Magazine, April 10, 1964

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CAN NOT DENY THESE FACTS

For The Shocking Truth About Johnson's Wealth and Power

read Haley's dynamite laden book, A TEXAN LOOKS AT LYNDON (see back page)

BARRY GOLDWATER, Man Of Courage

GOLDWATER CAN PREVENT WAR

The liberal press, radio, and T.V. fear Goldwater. So do the communists, the appeasers, the quislings, the pinks, and the foreign parasites. The orders are out to smear Barry Goldwater at any cost and in every way possible. Using the controlled liberal press, radio, and T.V. these masters of deceit and distortion will ridicule and misquote in a million clever ways.

Why? Barry Goldwater himself answered this a few weeks ago:

"These circles know they can't buy me. That's why they want to push me out of the running."

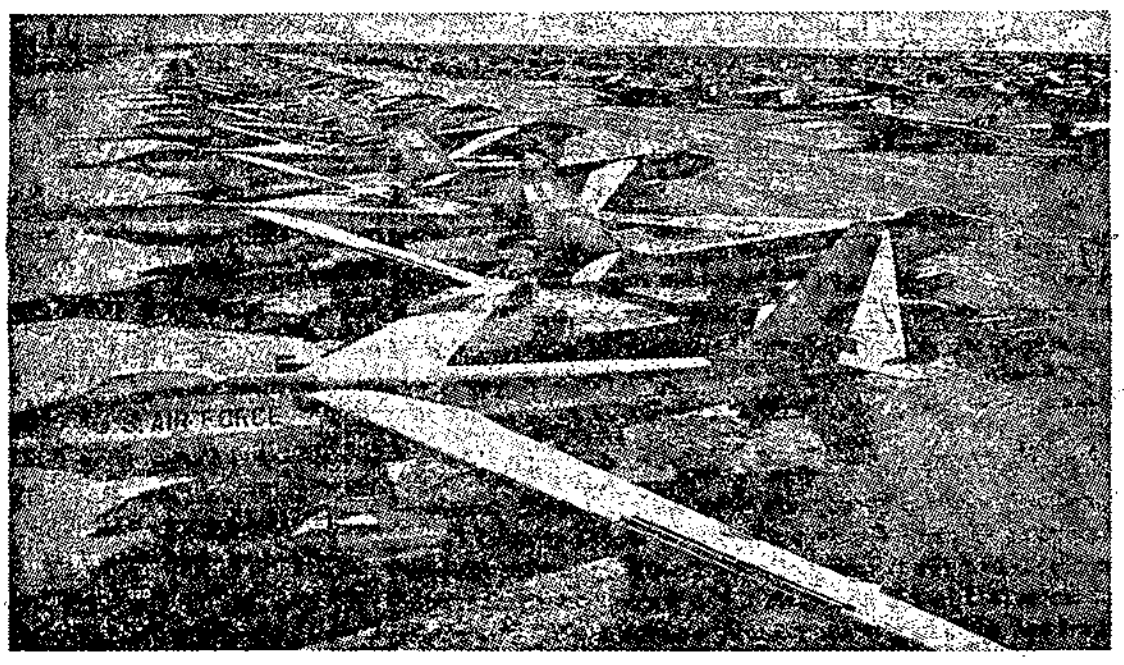
Among the worst smears is the charge that Goldwater will get us into war. The truth is that he is the only one with the courage to stand up to the Reds and prevent war in the only way the communists understand.

Appeasement has already lost 1 billion people into captivity and we will be next if it does not come to a screeching halt. When we start calling for freedom for the captive nations we will see the communists begin to shake and tremble because that is their weak point and the only point on which they can be defeated.

With a "man of courage" in control of our government we will once more regain our world position of strength and respect. The few times we have stood up to the communists, they quickly backed down. This is the language they understand best.

If Goldwater had been president during the Korean War we would have won and the world would be free of the Communist menace today.

As a qualified jet pilot, Barry Goldwater will be the first President capable of piloting the most modern aircraft, and as Major General in the U.S. Air Force Reserve he knows that a powerful U.S. Air Force is the only deterrent which has prevented the Reds from destroying us thus far.



WHAT IS A LIBERAL?

A liberal is a person who will go into spasms of anguish when a person with proven communist affiliations is exposed and fired from a security job, but who will remain completely unconcerned when 47,000 freedom fighters in Hungary are mowed down by Red tanks. A liberal will scream for civil rights when policemen stop a mob from looting, but when communists enslave 1 billion people he will call this peaceful coexistence.

FREE LOVE

The U.S. Information Agency has been spending $50,000 per year of your money to subsidize a magazine of Burmese love stories.

NEGRO WRITER BACKS BARRY— LIFE THREATENED

A few hours before going to press we received an urgent long distance call from the daughter of a prominent Negro writer. We were asked to please not publish any name in connection with this article because the writer and his family had been seriously threatened because of these views.

The daughter pointed out to us that they could not afford the type of protection which failed to protect our President from communist assassins. Yes, there are communist assassins at large in our nation today, thanks to our Supreme Court, and all of these Reds are working to defeat Barry Goldwater.

The negro writer, whose name we will not mention, called Goldwater "a man of integrity" who "recognizes we've been getting away from constitutional government." He said the increasing dependency of the states on federal government is dangerous.

This prominent Negro writer denounced Negro demonstrations as harmful to the Negro cause. "They have had an effect in that thousands of stores have been broken into and police have been assailed."

Asked how he would solve the Negro problem he replied: "At the conference table."

The writer went on to point out that there are many negro leaders "who are not agitators, but you never hear about them." He pointed to one who was teaching Negroes to invest their money and to practice thrift.

The Negroes best hope for advancement is training for better employment, he said. This can be done "by projects initiated in the Negro community."

Why Goldwater Favors More Air Power

Here are 600 B-47 bombers being retired without a single modern replacement. Why? Because, according to MacNamara, we can now depend upon missiles.

The facts, however, disagree with MacNamara:

1. Experts have pointed out that a Soviet high megaton bomb attack could affect electro-magnetic guidance systems on our own missiles, making them useless.

2. McNamara himself admitted that our missiles have never received adequate testing and that many test results were poor.

3. Our liberals have chosen to reveal to the Reds the exact number of polaris submarines we have in action. This makes it easy for the enemy to know when they have them all under surveillance by their own killer subs of which they have hundreds ready to destroy ours before we can retaliate against any sneak attack.

LIBERAL LIES

LIBERAL LIE NO. 1: Goldwater is against Social Security.

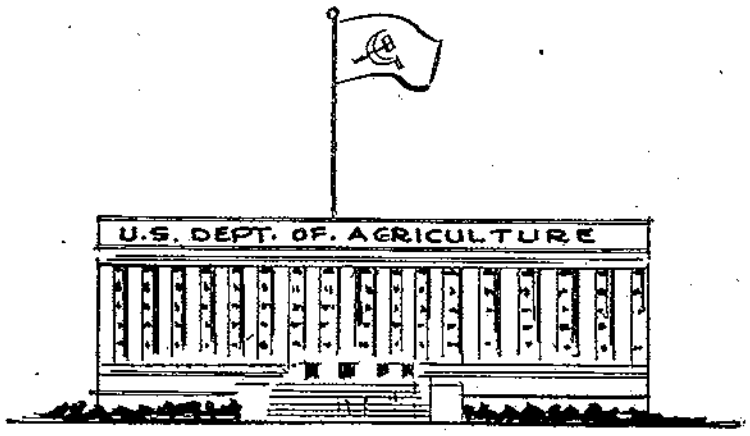
THE TRUTH: Barry Goldwater favors Social Security, but is opposed to wrecking it by adding medicare and other burdens. He would favor making it non-compulsory.

LIBERAL LIE NO. 2: Goldwater is opposed to war on poverty.

THE TRUTH: Barry Goldwater knows more about fighting poverty than the Democrat liberals will ever know. He knows that a dole will only make beggars of all of us. He also knows that if we take the shackles off of our free economy, as was done in West Germany, there would soon be so many jobs we could not fill them. In West Germany it is necessary to import labor to fill the many jobs created by a free unhampered industry. All we need do is remove government red tape and taxes and at the same time stop inflation by stopping the foreign aid give-away.

APPEASEMENT WILL BRING WAR

AGRICULTURE IN CHAINS



One farmer told your editor that he went to the Dept. of Agriculture to complain about a 70c per bushel tax they were putting on wheat he was growing and milling himself. They told him they needed the money to pay farmers for not growing wheat. They admitted it was not right, but said they would fine him for refusing to pay. He told them that they might just as well haul down the American flag and hoist the hammer and sickle since they were sabotaging free agriculture.

$21,000 MILK CAN

Dairyman Jesse R. Stalker keeps, on an old milking stool in his Ravena barn, an empty 20 quart can which once held sweet, light cream. It is the symbol of a minor clause in a milk marketing order which might cost him his farm.

"It makes me sick just to look at that can," said the 49-year-old father of four, who is being asked by Uncle Sam to pay fines totaling $20,899.90.

Through his attorney, he is fighting the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He has filed a civil complaint in the U.S. District Court at Utica in an effort to have the fines voided.

Farmer Salker has a herd of 175 cows, 122 of them milkers.

On a Sept. day in 1958 he purchased a 20 quart can of sweet light cream as an accommodation item for housewives. His milk production that month hadn't been high enough to enable him to process cream.

In Oct. he ordered 3 more cans, followed by a similar purchase in Nov. "And that killed me," he ruefully recalls.

It seems that the 1957 marketing order extended from New York City to upstate regions was amended in 1958 and one of the restrictions involved bulk purchases.

Had Farmer Stalker bought the quantity of cream in 2 quart containers rather than in the single 20 quart can, he would have been exempt from the regulations, he says.

"How was I to know?" he asked. "I was just told the package I purchased had to be the right size, nothing more."

But a year later the Lake Placid native was told the bad news. An auditor looked over his books and nabbed him for the infraction. The fines followed.

"There's no reason or necessity for this provision of the order," maintains his attorney. "This is the crux of our case. This is a penalty without crime."

The government arrived at the amount of the fine through the amount of milk quarts Mr. Stalker sold during an 18 month period. The fine was 3 cents for each quart of milk he sold over a certain amount.

Perhaps the most famous of the freedom-fighter farmers to date is Stanley Yankus, formerly of Dowaiac, Mich., now working in Australia.

Yankus attracted national attention when Federal attorneys seized his bank account and finally broke him in the courts collecting penalties for growing 36 acres of wheat to feed his chickens. He left for Australia with these words for farmers who remain:

"I'm actually afraid," he said, "not for myself but for this country I love."

"What happened to me is the action of a police state — the sort of life we were brought up to detest. I find my freinds and neighbors are actually afraid of the Federal Government.

"Who made the law that seized my savings? I didn't vote on it and you didn't. If I had robbed a bank I would have had my day in court. But they tell me I can't even get a jury trial for my 'crime'."

OUR ENEMY, THE GOVERNMENT

Ethan Stangland, Albion, Ind., was penalized on his 1954 crop (first year of wheat controls) although he had never received notice of his allotment size. When judgment was handed down by District Court, he went to the Court of Appeals, where the judgment was sustained.

He refused to pay and in June, 1958, Federal marshals seized his bank account. Finding only $9.00 in the account they then seized his two tractors.

The federal agent who served the attachment on Stangland refused to explain why he took both tractors when the better of the two alone was worth several times the amount of the penalty alleged due. If the other tractor had been left in his possession, the farmer at least would have been able to get some badly needed cultivating done. The penalty was assessed against Stangland and his tractors seized despite the fact that none of his wheat had ever left the farm or had been sold.

When the machinery was auctioned off a neighbor bought and returned it to its original owner.

Stangland went back to court and again carried the case to the Appeals Court, where once more the ruling went against him.

Farmer Fined For Overplanting

In Soviet Russia millions of farmers were murdered and deported to Siberia for refusing to give up their farms to live on communist collective farms. The Reds said that the punishment of the peasant farmers would serve as a warning to others. In Russia the government punishes the farmers for many things, but we always thought it could never happen here.

Yet in Chicot County, Ark., James Weir overplanted the rice allotment on his 996 acre farm. The government sued him and obtained a $16,972.00 judgment. Then a U.S. marshal sold Weir's farm at auction. The leaders said this was necessary as a warning to others, to make the system work.

MISSILE UNRELIABILITY

Poring through testimony before the Senate Armed Service Committee, Sen. Milward Simpson has unearthed confirmation of Barry Goldwater's charge that U.S. long-range missiles are unreliable. The confirmation comes from none other than Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

McNamara told senators a year ago that only 4 tests had been made of the highly touted Titan II missile. All 4, he admitted, had ended in failure.

The Titan II was shortly declared operational although McNamara conceded under relentless questioning by Sen. John Stennis that "I don't believe that we can consider any of our missile systems today proven, in the sense in which you are using the word."

McNamara went on: For statistical reasons, based on the law of probability, we must carry out a specified number of launchings under operational conditions in order to develop any accurate estimate of missile reliability. None of the weapons systems have passed thru what I call reliability testing programs as yet. They haven't passed thru it because of lack of time."

BARRY GOLDWATER OPPOSES THIS

$255,000,000 A DAY

This is the fantastic cost of running the monster bureaucratic government, doling out your money like water to our enemies and to strangers, and pretending economy.

This is $50,000,000 per day more than was spent by the Eisenhower administration.

ARE YOU SHOCKED?

Recently we were shocked when people in liberal New York stood around and watched their neighbors being assaulted.

Now it is known that the lowest form of life is that in which individuals will not band together for the common good. In such forms of life each individual is easy prey for any enemy. Higher forms of life, however, are guided by a higher intelligence which leads them to react strongly in defense of any individual in the group. Even the tiny ant will attack without fear if any members of the community are endangered.

Our modern liberals, however, have succeeded in reducing Americans to the lowest form of life. Truly we have become decadent and soft. In times past no nation in the world would dare to lay hands on an American citizen simply because it was known that we had the guts and courage to fight for our rights. "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," was our policy in those days when the Tripoli pirates sought to bargain for our rights.

Today, however, we pay the communist gangsters in Cuba millions in ransom money like some sniveling cowards, while the entire world laughs. The new policy is "millions and billions for appeasement of communist gangsters, but not one drop of blood in defense of freedom.

So here we stand nonchalantly watching our Cuban neighbors being executed and imprisoned by the thousands at our doorstep, and we will take no risk to free them. Is this "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? Have we lost our hearts and our courage and our very right to freedom?

ASSAULT WATCHERS

WHO'S NEXT?

DISARMAMENT, FANTASTIC LAST ACT

Impossible that any American could advocate such a plan.

Incredible that this plan is now our official foreign policy.

Improbable that our freedom will survive over 6 more months unless this plan is stopped now by electing Barry Goldwater.

Could our government be so stupid, or so infiltrated with quislings that we have actually adopted a plan to disarm in the face of the Russian and Chinese communists waiting to pounce on our fair land?

Write for State Dept. Document No. 7277 and see for yourself this incredible plan. Our soldiers will be sent off to patrol in some other land while communist soldiers will come to keep order in the U.S.A.

It Is Happening Now, Today, This Very Minute

Actually we began to disarm immediately after the last election. Our air force was deliberately permitted to deteriorate and grow obsolete, against the recommendations of Congress and our military men, so that today we are a second-rate air power.

A few months ago Johnson announced a speedy new war plane. But amid the fanfare few noticed that the announcement stated clearly that this plane was incapable of carrying any armament or bombs.

As another example, we have only a couple of dozen modern tanks in our army. All the rest are obsolete.

Psychologically we were disarmed when we permitted the State Dept. to fire Gen. Walker for teaching our soldiers the truth about communism.

IS IT ALREADY TOO LATE?

WE CHARGE TREASON

Alger Hiss, a proven communist, virtually controlled our State Dept. before he was fired. Since then the State Dept. has been deliberately closed to any further investigations although we know that none of those assisting Hiss were ever revealed.

Otto Opteka was fired from State Dept. job, not for talking to the enemy, but for talking to our own U.S. Senate and revealing to them that there are many security risk employees now working in the State Dept.

WE PREDICT THAT WHEN GOLDWATER IS ELECTED HE WILL DISCOVER THAT THE STATE DEPT. CONTAINS THE GREATEST NEST OF SPIES EVER TO INFILTRATE A GREAT NATION.

BIG TAX REDUCTION POSSIBLE

Would you like to have a big tax reduction. Actually you should have one because more than 50% of all your tax money is wasted.

All we need to do is cut 90% from the 3½ billion foreign giveaway and eliminate our tremendous government waste.

How To Put God Back

In our U.S. Armed Forces good religious instruction is given by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish chaplains, working together under the U.S. Armed Forces Character Guidance Program.

A voluntary SCHOOL CHARACTER GUIDANCE PROGRAM could do the same thing for our school children.

HARLEM RED ARRESTED

WILLIAM EPTON, Harlem Communist was arrested for inflaming Negro rioters. The indictment charges that Epton arged the crowd:

"We will not be fully free until we smash this state completely and totally. We're going to have to kill a lot of these cops, a lot of these judges, and we'll have to go up against their army."

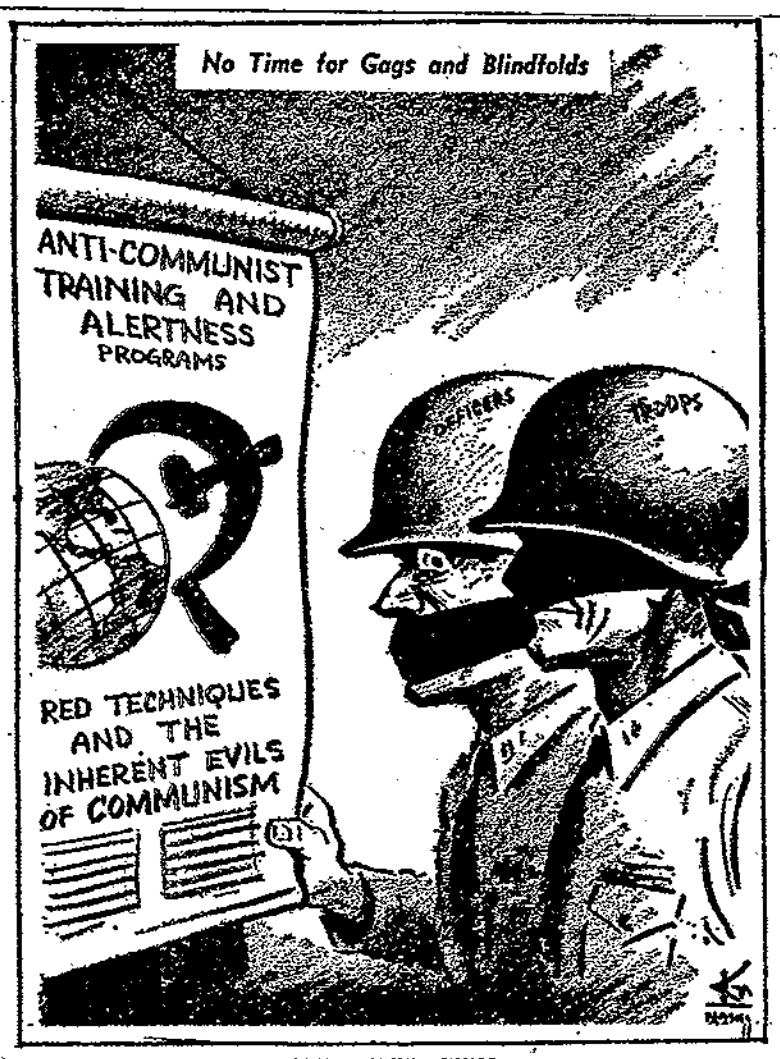
Another of Those Rulings

Earl Warren Says 'No' Courtesy Nashville Banner

Did you know that on the same day the Supreme Court ruled against prayer in school, it gave its blessing to homosexuals who want to distribute their 'family' magazine through the U.S. Post Office?
Did you know that petitions are circulating for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren?

OUR NATION MUST RETURN TO GOD

Martin Luther King---At Communist Training School

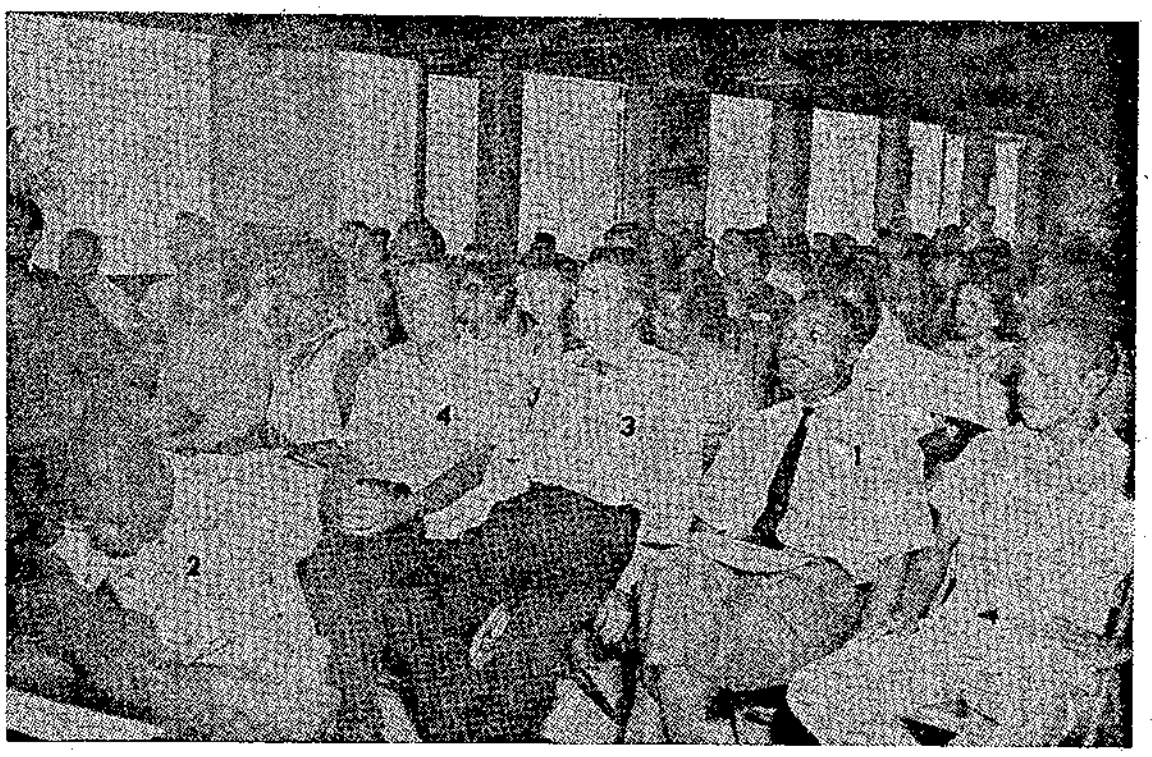


GEN WALKER WINS

Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker was fired as commander of the 24th Division in Germany for teaching his soldiers the evils of communism. McNamara issued orders stopping all troop indoctrination against communism and gagging all military leaders. This is deliberate psychological sabotage.

Later Gen. Walker was arrested in Miss. on trumped up charges of inciting a riot. It was finally proven in court that he actually tried to stop the riot by telling the people that the enemy was in Cuba, not in Miss.

Now he has been awarded $500,000 for libel by the liberal press who sought to smear him.



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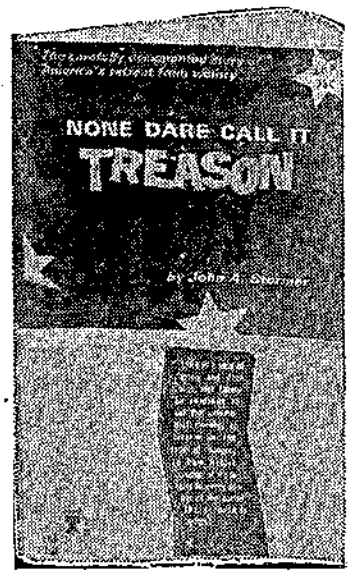

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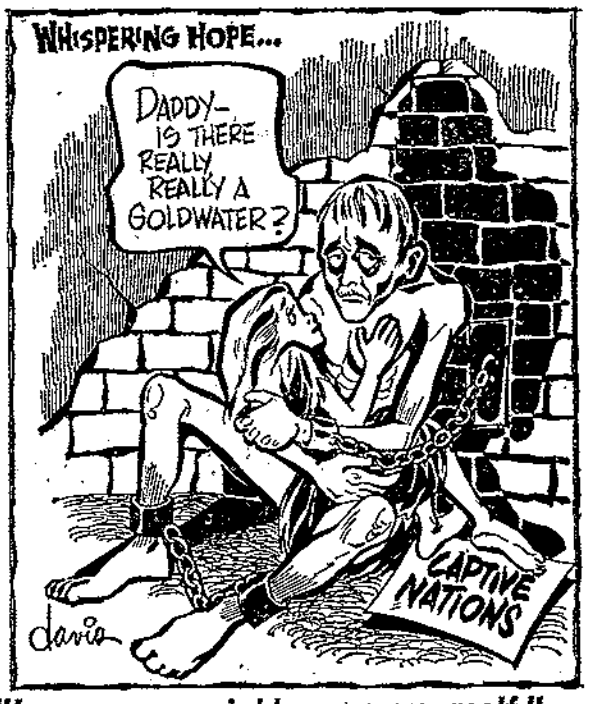

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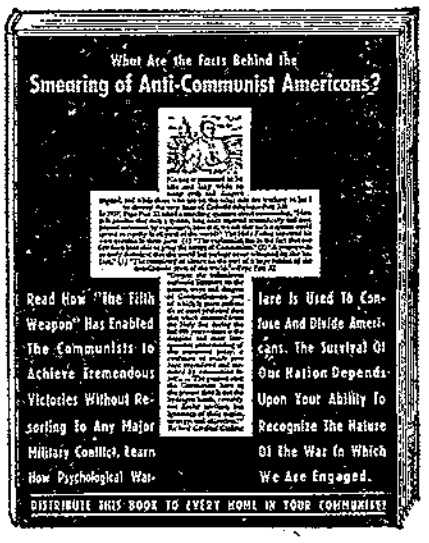

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Director, FBI 9/9/60

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re paragraph C, SAC letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)."

Enclosed is a letter dated 8/21/60 from [redacted] Montana, that is self-explanatory.

On 9/6/60 SA [redacted] personally acknowledged receipt of the above letter by contacting [redacted] at her home in [redacted] Montana.

During this contact [redacted] volunteered that [redacted] have been active members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, [redacted] She said there are approximately 16 members of this society, with [redacted] of Conner, Montana, in charge. [redacted] said that [redacted] is an active member and handles all the correspondence for the society. [redacted] said the purpose of the society is to fight against Communism and to "restore the United States Constitution." [redacted] said society meetings are held once a month at the home of [redacted] At these meetings they discuss the monthly pamphlet sent out by the society from Belmont, Massachusetts, and they follow the instructions and suggestions set out in these monthly pamphlets.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a member of the society, is a close friend of [redacted] who on occasions speaks to their group.

[redacted] advised she has received literature from [redacted] People's World Representative, East 203 Bridgeport Avenue, Spokane 22, Washington, and from "The Voice of the People," Bridgeport, Washington. [redacted] said

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that she is not aware of where these two organizations got her name, but stated that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY does not approve of either.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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John Birch Society Official to Talk Here on Communism

David Burnham of Santa Barbara, Calif., will present a documentary film, and will speak on the subject of Communism and the John Birch Society Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the physics lecture room, petroleum building, School of Mines, according to Dr. S. L. Groff, director of the Silver Bow County Citizens' Forum.

Burnham is an area coordinator of the John Birch Society. This society is national in scope with headquarters in Massachusetts. It publishes the monthly magazine, American Opinion, and is dedicated to combatting communism throughout the world.

Groff stated that interested persons were invited to attend.

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Re: DAVID BURNHAM
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Sirs:

Recently I attended a film and a lecture given by The John Birch Society which I had never heard of until last Thursday evening. Everything seemed above board but there was a doubt in my mind as to the integrity of this society. Where could I find out if it means what it says and is reliable?
Its aims, "...is a patriotic organization that aims to promote reliance upon individual self-control and voluntary cooperation. In other words, it aims to reverse the trend towards a 'keeper' government that will decide everything for me." Founded in Indianapolis Dec. 1958. First meeting in Chicago, Jan.9, 1960. Founder and present head, Robt. Welch of Belmont, Mass., also the address of the Society.

They mentioned books by J. Edgar Hoover as books along their line of thinking... But they did not list him or mention anywhere that he belonged to this Society, the society claims to be very anti-communist... If this is so, then I'd think that Hoover would at least give it his blessings? Anyhow, I like to look at both sides.... Or is there a government regulation that Hoover or any F.B.I. person can not join a society like this with so patriotic an aim?????? Or any societies etc? (Unless in the 'dirty' line)
A short note would certainly make this young man feel a lot better. Probably it is o.k. but there is something I don't like, least not at first...

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[redacted]
Butte, Montana
February 14, 1961

[redacted]
Dillon, Montana

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated February 11, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaulations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

Hal
H. G. MAYNOR,
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 2/15/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Butte, Montana, and is employed by the [redacted] called at the Butte Office 2/14/61 to inquire if the above organization is legitimate. He was advised that the FBI could not comment concerning any person, individual or publication, and the jurisdiction of the FBI was explained in some detail to [redacted]

He had the mistaken impression that anyone could come to the FBI and obtain any information in their files, and he also had the mistaken impression that the FBI published a list of subversive organizations.

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Richey Montana
Feb 10, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. dept.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am writing this letter to you, in hopes that you can give me some information.

The information I seek, concerns a organization that is known as (The John Birch Society) which is located at Belmont 78. Massachusetts. This group claims it is a antiCommunist organization.

The chapter leader in this Vicinity is a man by the name of Matt Dasinger, from Sidney, Mont.

He organizes members in units or groups of 8 members each. No more, no less. The names of members are kept in secret files, and will not be known to other persons.

Mr Dasinger talked to a group of about 75 people here in Richey, Mont on Feb 7th. He showed films. pamphtes, books etc.

Mr Dasinger opened the meeting, by stating that the Organization he represented is anti Communist. That the United States is not a democracy but a republic He then said, that people had accused him of be anti America, and that people should realize he certainly was not.

The films he showed, were about the start of Communism How they Organized, How they work and infiltrate America which was true and authentic. Also showed reports on U. S. House of Rep. Committee unAmerican Activities. Then the film showed parts of the German, Jap. and Korea War, and its many dead American soldiers. and how Rooseveldt, Harry Truman, and General George Marshall were responsible for those American boys death, and the War.

He then went on to say that the Constitution had lost its power, also that the Supreme Court, and other Courts of our land, are not dependable, That they have released hundreds of indicted anti American people. Communists and Criminals. That the courts and people were responsible for Thomas Deweys death.

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Then Mr Dasinger in the next breath, said people should be aware, that there is a move on to oust our supreme Court, starting with the impeachment of Earl Warren (Justice) He also stated that the Communists have a direct line to the White Hose, Pentagon, and that they can Communicate with thousands of Communists in a matter of minutes. Mr Dasinger quoted you often to emphasize his point.

The reaction of the people that attended this meeting was varied. Some left very confused, Others thought it was good. and still others left; as he was Very Anti Catholic, claiming Catholics were responsible for many Unamerican things.

It seems to me he was trying to Create Confusion, and doubt. Am I unduly alarmed? Or is the society alright, and is it that it is just Mr Dasinger that is Creating trouble. Thank you. I would appreciate your reply

Yours truly

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February 20, 1961

[redacted]
Richey, Montana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 10, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : SAC MAYNOR

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

By telephone 3/2/61, [redacted] Stevensville, Montana, advised she and her husband would like to talk to SA [redacted] concerning the activities of the John Birch Society in Stevensville, Montana.

On 3/3/61 [redacted] Stevensville, Montana, related that the John Birch Society was organized in Stevensville, Montana, during the past Summer and Fall. The officers of the society are unknown to the [redacted] however one of their good friends and former close associates, [redacted] Stevensville, Montana, [redacted]

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[redacted] Stevensville, Montana, is also quite active, however is not one of the leaders. The information furnished to the [redacted] was furnished them by [redacted]

Recently the film, "Operation Abolition" was shown to the group. Following this film, there was a recording played before the group. After the recording, the [redacted] Stevensville, Montana, was asked what he thought of the recording. He replied he was certain from past experience that the recordings furnished for the group would get more and more radical until the activities of the society would get as bad as that of the Communists. He related he had noted similiar situations follow this line in the past.

As a result of the statement of [redacted] was beanded as a Communist by the others [redacted]

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Recently two Montana State University Professors, one of which was [redacted] Both are admitted Pacifists and in speaking, talked of the Genetic Effects of Radiation and also suggested the stopping of the nuclear tests etc. After the Meeting which was held in the Grange Hall, Stevensville, [redacted] in Stevensville High School, [redacted] was asked by a few people his opinion of the talk by [redacted] and he stated " In his opinion the statements were correct scientifically, but --------!" He was not allowed to continue his statement, and now he is beinded a Communist by the society.

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[redacted] Stevensville High School, Stevensville, Montana, will not allow the John Birch Society to hald meetings in the high school and distribute their literature and as a result he has been branded a Communist.

The [redacted] related that the activities of the above mentioned persons is furnished to [redacted] Darby, Montana, who in turn is the one who states the individuals are or are not Communists.

AKA [redacted]

[redacted] advised they were certainly anti-communist, however they were not in agreement with the activities and statements of the local JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. They stated they were afraid they were high on the list of the John Birch Society.

This information being submitted for the file.

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-104401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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(F) ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- Information has been received that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; maintains an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and is editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which he irregularly publishes and issues of which have in the past contained anticommunist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959, he met with a group of leading industrialists of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area, at which time he lectured on communism, the urgent need for anticommunist action in the United States and his desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups. Welch indicated he is conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for anticommunist activity and that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. No further information has been received indicating Welch's success in putting his program into effect.

The personnel of your office should be made aware of Welch's activities and contemplated plans. You must be certain that your employees are alerted to promptly report to the Bureau any information concerning further activity by Welch in this regard. In the event information is received regarding any activity of Welch in the furtherance of setting his plan into operation, no investigation should be made but the Bureau should be promptly advised.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 3/14/61

FROM : ASAC YOUNG

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SUBJECT: The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

On 3/9/61 [redacted] Butte, Montana, PD, called and advised that he has been approached by individuals, whom he did not identify, and was asked to become a charter member of the John Birch Society in the Butte area. Captain [redacted] indicated that these individuals are apparently interested in organizing such a group in Butte. Captain [redacted] inquired as to whether it would be possible for this office to furnish him with any information regarding this organization, pro or con, so he could make a logical decision as to whether he and his wife should join such a group.

I told [redacted] that although I would like to be of service, we could not make any evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of this organization or any other organization. I told him that we could not help him in this regard.

A review of Butte file 62-1672, which is the main file for the John Birch Society, reveals that there are several memoranda contained therein relative to the activities of some of the chapters of this group within the Butte Division. Further, that no information has been furnished to the Bureau regarding this organization since Butte's letter to the Director 9/9/60. Accordingly, it is recommended that instant file be reviewed and the Bureau be furnished with a summary of information contained therein pursuant to instructions contained in SAC Letter #60-5 dated 1/26/60, Butte file 62-00-94.

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Addendum: On 3/13/61 [redacted] contacted the Butte Office and advised that after thinking the matter over during the weekend, he had no desire to become affiliated with captioned organization.

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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DIRECTOR, FBI 3/24/61

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Re SAC Letter 60-5(C) captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, Jr., - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)," and Butte letter to Bureau, 9/9/60, with same caption as this letter.

The "Montana Standard," a Butte, Montana, daily newspaper, issue of 1/31/61, reported that DAVID BURNHAM of Santa Barbara, California, an area co-ordinator of the JOHN BIRCH Society, would speak in Butte that day. Subsequent information was received indicating efforts of various responsible persons in Butte to form a JOHN BIRCH Society.

Films have been shown and lectures given in Dillon, Montana, concerning the Society and efforts made to organize a Chapter in that small community.

Through correspondence with the Bureau by an interested individual it was ascertained that a Chapter has been formed in Sidney, Montana.

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During 3/61, information was received that a sister Chapter has been formed in Stevensville, Montana.

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Recent contacts with this Office by interested citizens inquiring about the Society indicate a growing disillusionment by people with the material published by the Society. Further, the recent article in "Time Magazine," concerning the Society, as well as a series of articles being published by the "People's Voice," a weekly newspaper published in Helena, Montana, concerning the Society, have done much to bring about this feeling on the part of local citizens.

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There has been no indication from Confidential Informants or other sources of efforts by subversive elements to take over or to use this Society or its Chapters.

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/ith a Time Machine . . .

Lincoln and Marshall Could Feel the Wrath of a 'Birch' Rod

By PAUL A. CARTER, Associate Professor of History (American, that is), MSU, Missoula

Last week the PEOPLE'S VOICE irried a story on the John Birch ociety, a curious manifestation the ultra-Right lunatic fringe hose leader regards Dwight Eisenower as a dedicated Communist. I ave here in my hand (as a Senator ould say) a specimen of the purple rose now being disseminated in ontana on behalf of this organiation, and would like to comment riefly thereon.

The essay is entitled "On the Difrences between a Democracy and Republic". Its thesis may be summed p as follows: "republic" means "rule f law", and this can co-exist with onarchy, oligarchy, representative overnment, or whatever. "Democacy" means "majority rule" which uickly becomes "mob rule" which pparently will shortly mean Comunism.

The Founding Fathers (trumpets, iolins and organs, please, and a ushed tone of voice)—the Foundng Fathers who wrote the Constituon of the United States created a republic" but not a "democracy". ince their time, however, our reublicanism (note to typesetter: small r", please) has gradually eroded way, and this erosion has become "rapid rotting" in our own time as uccessive assaults upon the "republic" have been made by the Executive Department (read: That Man In he White House), the Legislative epartment (read: Congresses With emocratic Majorities), the Judicial epartment (read: liberal Supreme ourt justices), and last but not ast the large foundations (read: he Fund for the—you should pardon he expression—Republic); all of hich forces have conspired to create "mobocracy" which in turn will so change the economic and political tructure of the United States that : can be comfortably merged with oviet Russia."

And now, as Al Smith used to say, et's look at the record. It looks, ineed, pretty black. Here, for example, the Executive Department in a message to Congress calling the United States "a constitutional republic, or a democracy—a government of the people, by the same people."

As you can plainly see, the President deliberately confuses the two ideas together, thereby helping us along on the march toward Bolshevism. Later, growing bolder, this same Executive brazenly declares: "Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration." (One can see the Hammer and Sickle snapping in the breeze above the White House).

Still later, he pooh-poohs the custom and tradition that are so essential for the preservation of constitutionalism: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present." (A far cry from the Right-Wingers' "Let's keep it that way.") And when one looks into this Executive's campaign statement, the evidence grows still more ominous; one finds him declaring that if his political views do not prevail in America he threatens to move to Russia!

This would be damning and confirming evidence for the John Birch Society's thesis—were these the words of Franklin Roosevelt or Harry Truman or Dwight Eisenhower or Jack Kennedy. But they were said by Abraham Lincoln. The quotes may be found in Lincoln's Message to Congress of July 4th, 1861; December 3rd, 1861; and December 1st, 1862. The crack about Russia, which appears in a letter dating from 1856, may be found in Paul M. Angle, ed., The Lincoln Reader, p. 230. Paperback, fifty cents; every American should read it.

Now let us look at that other engine of terror, the Judicial Department. Here is one of those sinister judges—the Chief Justice, no less—caught in the very act of changing the Constitution by fiat: "It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is." Lest there be no doubt about the matter he declares in a later opinion that "the government proceeds directly from the people" rather than from the states (or from the Founding Fathers) "its powers are granted by them, and are to be exercised directly on them, and for their benefit." And how is this power to be exercised? "The government which has a right to do an act, and has imposed on it the duty of performing that act, must, according to the dictates of reason, be allowed to select the means." The dictates of reason, no less! Not law, custom, precedent, or time-honored sanction. Wasn't this what the French Revolution, with its self-proclaimed "Age of Reason," was all about?

And what sneaking Communist wrote these unpatriotic words? He turns out to be Mr. Chief Justice John Marshall, who occupied the bench from 1801 to 1835. (The first quote is from Marbury v. Madison, 1803; the remainder are from McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819. Incidentally, persons who imagine that all of our Founding Fathers were states' rights would do well to read the latter opinion in its entirety.)

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We are confronted with two possibilities here, it seems to me. One is that the Russians have secretly invented the time-machine and made the Russian Revolution retroactive by recruiting Lincoln and Marshall into the Communist Party. The other is that our nation has been a democracy during most of its history after all, and furthermore has been proud of the fact. But if this is true, then our democratic republic is not nearly so much in danger of becoming more democratic, which is what the John Birch Society fears, as it is of becoming less so, which is what would happen if sympathizers with the aims of the John Birch Society had their way.

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ORGANIZATIONS

The Americanists

Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against Communism, nothing is quite like the John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity, and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20 to 30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name. Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man who sees democracy as a "perennial fraud" and estimates that the U.S. is 40% to 60% Communist-controlled. In other times, other places, the John Birch "Americanists"—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic-opera joke. But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U.S. communities.

In Wichita, Kans., student members of the society are trained to tell their cell leader of any "Communist" influence noted in classroom lectures; by phone, parents belabor the offending teacher and his principal for apologies and admissions of guilt. A Wichita businessman who planned to make a modest contribution to a University of Wichita fund was dissuaded because members of the society were demanding that certain professors and books be thrown out. "My business would be wrecked," said he, "if those people got on the phone and kept on yelling that I am a Communist because I give money to the school." Society members in Nashville, Tenn., started telephone campaigns to warn homeowners that some of their neighbors were suspected Reds. The project with current top priority is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, and activities in a dozen cities range from the "spontaneous" circulation of petitions to a rash of letters to newspapers, and a HELP IMPEACH EARL WARREN banner strung across the main street of Pampa, Texas (and taken down by the police a few hours later).

The Red Plot. All society activity comes under the firm thumb of a balding, deceptively mild-mannered, retired businessman from Belmont, Mass., named Robert Welch. Son of a North Carolina farmer, Baptist Welch, 61, spent 25 years as an executive with Cambridge's famed candy-making James O. Welch Co. (run by his brother). After the war, Welch began to bone up on Communist literature: eventually he decided that such schemes as social security and federal income tax laws were part of a Red plot to ready the ~~U.S. for~~ Soviet conquest. Welch left candy for fulltime anti-Communist pamphleteering in 1957. He founded the John Birch Society the next year, naming it for a U.S. Navy captain killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after V-J day.

Welch's *Mein Kampf* is a masterpiece of invective called *The Politician*. Shown only to close friends, the book is now being withdrawn from circulation, largely because its judgments on contemporary leaders repelled more people than they attracted. Some Welchian estimates:

¶ The Eisenhower brothers: ". . . Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party . . . For [the former President], there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason."

¶ CIA Director Allen Dulles: "The most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism, next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington."

¶ The late John Foster Dulles: "A Communist agent."

Right-Wing Names. For public consumption, Welch has kept his vitriol well enough in check to avoid libel suits. A prolific author, he has turned out reams of Red-baiting copy, including the *Blue Book* that guides the society's actions. He puts out the monthly *American Opinion*, as well as a bulletin that informs all dues-paying ($24 a year for men, $12 for women) members of the society's monthly aims. Despite the ill fame of *The Politician*, Welch has been highly praised as a freedom fighter by a horde of familiar right-wing names, *e.g.*, Actor Adolphe Menjou, Lawyer Clarence Manion, ex-Diplomat Spruille Braden, who grace the society's council and have the right to appoint his successor.

Not all conservatives are so sanguine about Welch. Many object to the society's contempt for dissent from its views, feel that its militant words and thoughts are barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads. "This is the kind of thing that does violence to everything we're trying to accomplish," says one Chicago conservative who backed away from Birchism after a glimpse at *The Politician*. "It siphons a lot of well-meaning, respectable people off into a lunatic fringe run by Welch, at the same time giving anti-Communist efforts a black eye. It hurts us much more than it helps us."

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LEADER WELCH

His word for the Eisenhowers: treason.

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The John Birch Society, 'A Strange Threat To Democracy'

By GRETCHEN G. BILLINGS
(First in a Series)

Over the past year or so Montana people have been watching the development of an organization that has somewhat baffled and concerned them. Under the guise of fighting communism this drive to band a large membership together has attracted large numbers of well meaning people. The organizational procedure has a slight variation in different parts of the state, but the material presented at meetings, through newspaper propaganda and letters to editors in the different areas is much the same.

Arising out of the "study" and "anti-communist" drive has come the name of the John Birch Society. The VOICE has received many requests asking if we know what this Society is or who is supporting it.

We have undertaken some research and have found some rather startling information.

The Chicago Daily News recently carried some material on this group under the heading "A Strange Threat To Democracy". Georgo Sokolsky has mentioned it in his columns. The stories about the meetings of the various "study" and "anti-communist" groups in the state refer to the John Birch Society as a source of information and material. The March 10, 1961 issue of TIME devotes a section to "The Americanists" calling themselves the John Birch Society.

George Sokolsky in his Washington Post column of January 14, 1961, says, "Now along comes a very sure person, Robert Welch of the John Birch Society of Massachusetts, who wishes to impeach Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States . . ."

TAKES A "DIM VIEW OF DEMOCRACY

TIME says of the Society, "Except for an elite corps of leaders their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20-30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name".

Jack Mabley in a column in the Chicago Daily News back in July of 1960 said, "Robert Welch, the leader of thousands of conservative Americans in the John Birch Society not only believes that President Eisenhower is a Communist, but he takes a dim view of democracy".

This group of ultra-conservatives, banded together to fight Communism in America is not a secret society in the normal sense of the word, but it tries to avoid publicity.

Robert Welch, who is the "absolute" head of the Society, was a former candy manufacturing executive. He gave up his job to head the Society.

The goal of the organization which already has members in every state and active chapters in half the states, is one million members.

The Society was founded in December, 1958, in Indianapolis and named for John Birch, a captain in the U. S. Army allegedly murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists 10 days after VJ Day.

Welch was educated at the University of North Carolina, had two years at the U. S. Naval Academy and two years at Harvard law school. He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. Wealthy conservative businessmen support the John Birch Society. Three former presidents of the NAM are listed as members of the "council" of the society.

The Chicago Daily News story said, "the organization is 'monolithic' or, to use another word which Welch himself introduced, dictatorial". Welch describes himself as the absolute and unquestioned head, the "hard boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss" needed to run such an organization.

"ATTACKS" EISENHOWER

"In other times, other places, the John Birch 'Americanists'—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic opera joke", the TIME article says, and adds, "But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U. S. communities".

Welch has written a voluminous book entitled "The Politician", intended for secret distribution only to the leaders of the society, in which he accuses former President Eisenhower of treason, and flatly calls him a communist. The CDN reporter who secured a copy of the book says Welch took some 302 pages attempting to document the charges.

In speaking about this book TIME says, "Welch's Mein Kampf is a masterpiece of invective" and says the book is now being withdrawn from circulation, "largely because its judgments on contemporary leaders repelled more people than they attracted".

New members of the organization do not know about the book, and they must become "qualified" before they can read it.

Welch is described as "a persuasive speaker" and many responsible people are attracted by the lofty aims expressed by Welch and "co-ordinators" who lead local groups.

In a booklet given to new members the statement Welch made to the founders is repeated:

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud".

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INCREDIBLE AND FANTASTIC

The incredible and fantastic pronouncements in the secret manual which members have to "qualify" to read says:

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt".

The book says of the man who was President of the United States, ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and action. That word is treason."

The VOICE feels much like the Chicago Daily News in . . . that it may be questionable judgment to give these incredible statements the dignity of publicity, but Welch is persuasive.

The CDN says it this way:

"Quietly he has been gaining strong support among both prominent conservatives and thousands of ordinary people who seek to fight communism.

"They should know the thinking of the man to whom they are pledging their energies and loyalty".

IMPEACHMENT TALK IS "NONSENSE"

Mr. Sokolsky, conservative political analyst, speaking about the attitudes of Welch, says the talk of impeachment of the Chief Justice of the United States "is nonsense", and calls attention to the matter, "not because it is of any significance of itself but because conservatives need to use common sense in their agitations".

He calls the impeachment proposal "impractical" and pleads with conservatives to find "intelligent leadership". "The conservatives need to decide whether they prefer to fight against Communism or against each other", he concluded.

Along with Sokolsky other conservatives object to the Birch Society, and "feel that its militant words and thoughts are barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads" the TIME article says.

A Chicago conservative who pulled away from "Birchism" after a glimpse at "The Politician" said it was the kind of thing that did damage to everything anti-communist groups were trying to accomplish. He said, "It siphons a lot of well-meaning respectable people off into a lunatic fringe run by Welch, at the same time giving anti-Communist efforts a black eye. It hurts us much more than it helps us".

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The Kremlin Should Smile . . .

Suspicion and Distrust, Birch Society's Long Suit

By GRETCHEN G. BILLINGS
(Second in a Series)

While the path of anti-communism was strewn with the bodies of "liberals", "eggheads" and "intellectuals", there was hardly even mild concern; while the path of anti-communism was strewn with Democratic politicians hardly a whisper was raised. Now, the beast has reached the temple and is inside the gates. In the halls of the mighty there are howls of anguish.

The key to fighting communism has never been by turning American against American, neighbor against neighbor, friend against friend.

Will America find out in time?

Across the nation an alarm is being sounded over the increasing membership and spreading influence of a relatively new organization called the John Birch Society.

Last week the VOICE brought this matter to the attention of Montana people in a front page story quoting such sources as TIME magazine, the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS and George Sokolsky, the conservative columnist.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR CONCERNED

This week we find that on March 8, United States Senator Young (R-N.D.) expressed his concern over the John Birch Society in the Congressional Record at page 3214 where he says of his state, "In one city alone, it has at least four cells".

Senator Young was joined by Montana's Senator Mansfield in the discussion of this organization. Mansfield said, "I have been trying to get some information as to what the John Birch Society is, and I cannot seem to get any help from various committees here or the agencies downtown".

Ironical to loyal Americans who consider themselves "liberals", will be the comments of the "middle-of-

Sen. Young says, "I have been aware for a long while that the head of this organization, Mr. Robert Welch, has made accusations against the President of the United States (Eisenhower) and other top officials far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy ever thought of".

MANSFIELD PERTURBED

Mansfield says he has been trying to find out about the John Birch Society because "the same thing has been happening in the State of Montana".

What has been happening in the State of Montana?

TIME says of the John Birch Society, "Its cells, of 20-30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name".

The Montana story of the Communist-style organizations that do not use the John Birch name perhaps had its beginning back in the fall of 1958 when Helen Wood Birnie came to Montana.

Mrs. Birnie had been in Montana in 1934 and 1935, according to her material, working for the Communists. In 1958 she came back using the same emotionalism and the same tactics in what was called anti-communist activity.

The best documented story of the movement that has made its "anonymous and unsettling presence felt" in a score of Montana communities can be found in the Richland county area where the Sidney HERALD has printed columns and columns of material by the so-called "anti-communist" and "study groups" working in that area.

The "unsettling presence" in Richland county started when the advance man in the form of Helen Wood Birnie came to speak from a church podium, about March of 1960.

From September 1960 through March of 1961 a great deal of material appeared in the Sidney HERALD in the form of reports of the study groups, letters to the editor, large ads, and announcements of speakers on "Communism" as far away as Williston, North Dakota, where there is a John Birch Society organization headquarters.

The "reports" of the study group in the Sidney paper back as far as October, 1960, carried such statements as:

"So when you wake up tomorrow be sure to take a good look at yourself in the mirror, ask yourself what am I doing to keep America strong? The next few years will be the years of decision. If we do not waver, if the tide can be turned from liberalism to conservatism we stand a good chance to keep our freedom. If not, reconcile yourself to the likelihood that you and your sons will be eunuch slaves and your wife and daughters in the brothels of the communist state".

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SIDNEY AREA B-O-M-BARDED

In November of 1960 a statewide "Montana Seminar on Subversion" was held in Sidney, featuring such people as Helen Wood Birnie, Vic Overgash and Wayne Montgomery from the Montana scene, and several outside speakers.

During this seminar the ground work was laid for a statewide organization to be called "Montanans for Better Citizenship". A "tentative state committee" was formed. Mrs. Birnie presented her ideas about the "co-ordinated grass roots state movement", and a Rev. Leslie Millin ("brain-washed and left for dead in

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Red China") spoke on behalf of the "Montanans for Better Citizenship".

The seminar was "largely due to the hard work, enthusiasm and sacrifice of the VFW Study Club in Sidney", and the newspaper report of the meeting closed with the statement, "It is not often that so young a movement should be able to accomplish so much", and the hope those who attended the seminar "will show their appreciation to Helen Wood Birnie and other active patriots by following through with a solid state program".

The follow-through in Sidney was hearty. The VFW Study Group held regular and well attended meetings. Their reports to the local paper were so long they had to be run in two parts.

In January, 1961, this "study group" showed the filmstrip and commentary called "Communism on the Map", which "was borrowed from the John Birch Society in Williston".

Prominent in the VFW study group in Sidney is Muth Dasinger who is close to Governor Nutter and Congressman Battin.

His letters to the editor and reports before the study group have received much publicity.

EDITOR URGES RESTRAINT

The Editor of the Sidney HERALD, seeming to sense the "unsettling presence" of this group, wrote an editorial cautioning "Fight Communism—But Do Not Panic People". He said, "This paper has no intention to allow its columns to be used to cause panic and confusion—that is just what the Communists want". He told his readers if they had names of people they thought were Communists to turn them over to the FBI.

Just prior to Lincoln's birthday 228 people attended a VFW study group meeting, and just following Lincoln's birthday the HERALD had an editorial about displaying the flag. The HERALD office had apparently received a call for not having the flag out on Lincoln's birthday, and he promised to get one.

Following the study group's Lincoln day program and the Editor's comments on displaying the flag a letter to the editor said people had to wrest control from . . . "subversives which have infiltrated the various departments since the days of Herbert Hoover; 75% of the upper echelon of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are either members of the Communist party or are fellow travelers. The same deplorable situation exists in the agriculture and other departments. No amount of flag waving is going to cure this".

The letter continued, referring to the outgoing Republican Administration:

"Anyone who is genuinely patriotic is understandably hesitant about displaying the flag lest it be misunderstood as condoning traitorous machinations of the well organized subversive machine which is the actual working government of the United States of America today. In fact the flag might well be flown at half mast in deference to the dead principles of Constitutional Government until such time as they are again resurrected, if ever".

In the March 1 report of the VFW study group "John Birch Society Bulletins" were mentioned to the group. The news story said a report had been given to the House Un-American Activities Committee as a document "among a series of recommended reports and hearings designed to alert our citizens to the deadly menace of Communist subversion in America". Who "recommended" the material was not stated.

"COMMUNIST-STYLE FRONT ORGANIZATIONS"

TIME magazine said of the John Birch backed organizations: "Its cells, of 20-30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name".

In the Sidney area neighbor has turned against neighbor; confusion, fear and sorrow have marked the path of the "anti-communist", "communist-style" organizations.

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This John Birch Society influence is being felt in Montana. At the rate it is going now its political influence will be brought to bear heavily in 1962 and 1964. Active in the organizations which use JBS material is Wayne Montgomery, unsuccessful candidate for U. S. Senate in 1960. He has money and desire, all he needs is an organization. If the Montanans for Better Citizenship becomes a successful organization odds are that Montgomery will tackle Mike Mansfield in 1964.

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Says L. A. TIMES of Birch Society . . .

'Subversion, Whether of the Left Or Right, Is Still Subversion'

By GRETCHEN G. BILLINGS
(Third in a Series)

"Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion", the conservative LOS ANGELES TIMES said recently in denouncing the activities of the John Birch Society. The TIMES was joined last week by former Vice President Richard Nixon, who said he opposes the political techniques of this group, adding, "One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means become the end".

The TIMES' fear of the John Birch Society is based on their own "meticulously researched articles". "In them it can be read within quotation marks", the editorial said, "that Communists must be fought with their own weapons, smear for smear. Even—and the quotations are brutal—with sedition".

The TIMES "believes implicitly in the conservative philosophy", but "does not believe the argument for conservatism can be won . . . by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree".

Leading newspapers and political leaders all over the country are expressing concern over the activities of this organization that has gained such a foothold across the nation. The concern centers chiefly on the modus operenda of the group under the direction of their self-styled-self-chosen leader, Robert Welch.

The society has as its council members prominent industrial, professional and political figures, including three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers, a former president of the National Bar Association, and nationally known names appear on the advisory council of the Birch Society monthly publication "American Opinion". Names readily recognized by most Americans include: J. Bracken Lee, Clarence Manion, Adolphe Menjou and J. Howard Pew.

An article in NATION by Hans Engh, staff writer for the Santa Barbara NEW-PRESS, points out the following.

MODUS OPERENDA OUTLINED

The M.O. of the society chapters is to encourage members, among other things, to join the PTAs and meet monthly in private homes as study groups. They hear tape recordings, view motion pictures, talk about aspects of the "Communist conspiracy", listen to book reviews, discuss tactics—including letter writing and other public-opinion campaigns—and in general, so they believe, make themselves better equipped to meet what they term the challenge of communism.

The September 1960 issue of the society's BULLETIN giving members the "agenda for the month", said the following:

> "Join your local PTA at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over. You will run into real battles against determined leftists who have had everything their way. But it is time we went on the offensive to make such groups the instrument of conservative purpose, with the same vigor and determination that the "liberals" have used the opposite aims. When you and your friends get the local PTA group straightened out, move up the ladder as soon as you can to exert a wider influence. And don't let the dirty tactics of the opposition get you down.

In the BLUE BOOK, the society's "Bible", Welch wrote that "democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud". He suggested that the circulation of various appropriate publications be expanded, that members embark upon letter-writing campaigns, that they organize fronts, that they start "shocking" the American people, and that they obtain and feature the services of certain speakers.

Welch, says NATION, picked

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himself as leader of the society after having discarded both former Vice President Nixon ("a slippery and shrewd politician") and Sen. Barry Goldwater as not being up to the task.

On the local level, society members busy themselves in a variety of ways. They undertake extensive letter-writing and telephoning campaigns, sponsor radio and TV programs, and put pressure on legislators, educators and other persons of influence at every opportunity.

In certain communities the Birchians have been able to whip up a good deal of unrest and suspicion. Persons are labeled Communist at the drop of a hat, and semi-secret meetings create an aura of fear and hate.

WORRIED OVER "RISE OF NAZIISM"

Eric Sevareid, in a syndicated column, called the society, "one manifestation of the rank, posthumus after-growth of McCarthyism, now spreading its weeds among the grass roots in Main Street country". A disturbed citizen in a Kansas town told Sevareid, ". . . They try to get their idiotic films and maps used in the high schools. Maybe it's hard these days to get a man sneared in Washington or even in Hollywood, but in a small city like this where people live awfully close together, it can still be done". The column was headed "Rise of Naziism Worries This Small Kansas Town".

In many counties in Montana in the past year and a half "anti-communist" groups using a variety of names, have been organized.

In the 37th Legislative Assembly the radical rightists had visible influence and were at no time challenged by the Republican leadership in the House or Administrative department. They were provided a daily forum from the Republican side of the aisle, and several of their proposals passed the lower house.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC MAYNOR

DATE: 3/28/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.
STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA.

On March 28, 1961, [redacted] Stevensville, Montana, contacted SA [redacted] and stated they were very interested in the John Birch Society, Stevensville, Montana.

They soughtinformation as to the society, claiming they had read much of the information put out by the society itself and felt that it was a means of fighting Communism. They related that of recent date they had noted articles in several monthly magazines and weekly papers in which it appeared that the Society was not too well regarded by the general public.

[redacted] stated they would like to know just how the writer felt about the organization.

[redacted] were informed that information concerning the organization which was in the files of the F.B.I. was confidential as was all information in their files. They were advised that the writer was not in a position to make a statement as to his opinion of the organization as same would be later taken as an official opinion of the F.B.I.

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Gentlemen:

Could you please give me some information about the John Birch Society? I have been given some literature about it, all of which looks as though it has very high aims. It seems to be very patriotic and what appeals to me, definitely anti-communist.

However, one of the ministers in town has warned against it, and I am wondering whY?

I do not want to be involved in questionable activities, but on the other hand I feel that unless all of us who truly love our country band together some way to fight the menace outlined in Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit", we will be lost.

Any help or information you can give me will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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John Birch Society Eyed in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) —The John Birch society was the target of both the executive and legislative branches of the California government today.

The California attorney general's office was reported to be making an investigation of the society, some of whose principal organizers are located in southern California.

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk warned in a speech before the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce that "fanatical groups on the extreme right" must be as closely checked as the Communists, for they are "equally dangerous to democracy."

He gave six tests by which he said people could determine whether an organization advocated an extremist doctrine.

—Does the organization attack churches and schools with blanket accusations?

—Does it attack other traditional American institutions with wild, unsupported charges?

—Does it label everyone with whom it disagrees politically un-American or subversive?

—Does it try to rewrite modern history by blaming American statesmen for wars, communism, depression and other world ills?

—Does it resort to crude pressure tactics such as anonymous phone calls and letter-writing?

—Do the spokesmen of the group appear more interested in the size of their money collections than in the principles they purport to espouse?

"Apply these six tests," he said, "and you will avoid entangling memberships with such groups as the American Nazi party, the Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch society, the Cinema Education guild, the Muslims, and others of that type."

Meanwhile, a committee of the California state legislature began hearings on the Birch society. One lawmaker testified it "reminds us very much" of the Hitler organization in Germany before World War II.

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A 'Fantastic And Incredible Libel'

The suggestion yesterday that the head of the John Birch Society should be held responsible for a "fantastic and incredible libel" against former President Eisenhower is meritorious. It does not necessarily follow, however, that a congressional investigation would be needed to achieve the praiseworthy objective.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., recommended that Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., founder of the Birch Society, should be called before the Senate Government Operations Committee to answer for attempts to besmirch the characters of Mr. Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren and others.

Kuchel said Welch had committed a "fantastic and incredible libel" against Mr. Eisenhower by accusing the former president "of being a card-carrying Communist."

The objective is excellent, but the suggested means seem to us to be wrong. If the lunatic fringe of America's political right wing is to be re-exposed to reality in any meaningful fashion, the place to teach the meaning of libel is in the courts, not in the chambers of a congressional committee.

There can be no serious argument about Kuchel's description of the allegation against Mr. Eisenhower. To claim that a president of the United States or a chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court is a "card-carrying Communist" is to betray to any reasonable person a mania for imagined intrigue and a wild perversion of political prejudice. Against such a blatant, fantastic, self-hypnotizing lie as this, even the practiced Big Lies of the disciplined servants of world communism pale into mere exaggerations.

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Yet, there are those gullible enough to believe even such transparently fraudulent claims as this if they go uncontradicted. There can be little doubt that Mr. Eisenhower was damaged by this libel in the minds of those denizens of the lunatic fringe whose judgment has been destroyed by years of hysterical hunting for Red witches.

So the author of the statement, if he made it, should indeed be held accountable for his libel. But the accounting should be done in the American way—in a court of law, under the constitutional guarantees of freedom and fair play, with a jury of peers deciding on guilt or innocence.

Should the John Birch Society, or its officers, be charged with criminal libel, for example, it would be forced to learn something at long last about the truly American, truly democratic principles of government. It would come face to face with certain basic concepts of human dignity, decency and self-government spelled out in the *Bill of Rights*. It would discover that America zealously guards the right of free speech, for example, but that one cannot recklessly and viciously libel others in expressing his own convictions. It would learn that the law of this land provides that a man accused shall have the right to face his accusers and demand proof of accusations. It would learn that "proof" is based upon certain laws of admissible evidence that would be meaningful to fair and reasonable men—not necessarily conform to the visions and dreams of fanatics. It would learn many things about the noble foundations of this America which it besmirches and cheapens under the guise of patriotism.

Kuchel maintains, of course, that the Senate Government Operations Committee would be a proper agency to call Welch to answer for "these miserable charges." He contends that Welch should be required to apologize "not alone to Eisenhower and Warren, but to the people of this country."

Kuchel exploded: "Should the American people permit this kind of spleen to be poured on a man who has dedicated his whole life to freedom?"

Obviously, the answer is no. But the lesson should be administered, not in a congressional committee, but in a court of law.

One reason for this is that the fanatic leaders of the John Birch Society apparently do not understand nor believe in the democratic processes. They do not really believe in free and open debate, as illustrated by their Communist-style secrecy and veiled slander in opposing those who disagree with them. They do not really believe in fair trials based upon impartial hearing of the evidence, as their smears and innuendoes constantly demonstrate. They have convinced themselves of the reality of a fantasy—that the highest officers of the United States are secret agents of the Kremlin. So they cannot really believe in America's due process of law.

But they should be exposed to it anyway.

They should not be permitted, in this matter, to go on trying to steer their case out of an "unfavorable" committee and into a "favorable" committee of Congress, as seems to be the intention. For example, Rep. Edgar W. Hiatand, R-Calif., confessed Thursday that he had joined the John Birch Society "quite a while back" and was sure that other members of Congress also belonged. He said he would like to see the society investigated by the House Committee on Un-American Activities because he thinks this would dispel charges that the society is "a dictatorial fascist" organization.

It would be news indeed if the House Un-American Activities Committee detected any fascist threat to American democracy anywhere in the land. The majority of that committee has demonstrated repeatedly that it is so blinded by its fears of communism that it cannot recognize at all the plain symptoms of similar dangers to democracy from the extremists of the far right. Judging from the basis of its political prejudices—and not by the laws of evidence developed by generations of free men dedicated to justice under law—the committee might chastise or might defend the John Birch Society. But either its chastisement or its defense would be irrelevant to the main question. The question is: Was the accusation against the former president and the chief justice a "fantastic and incredible libel?"

America's Constitution and America's courts offer traditional, honorable, tested, American ways to answer that question. Those who claim to defend American principles should submit their case to the courts.
—B. J.

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Senators Label John Birch Society Outrageous, Call for Investigation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Republican Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., and Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., Thursday denounced the anti-Communist John Birch Society as "outrageous." Kuchel called for a Senate investigation of its activities.

Dodd, vice chairman of the Senate internal security subcommittee, and Kuchel arose in the Senate in succession to attack the semisecret society, headed by Robert Welch. They particularly cited Welch's attacks on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and other officials.

In the House, Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., said he had been told the House Committee on Un-American Activities had declined to investigate the society on the grounds it has no authority to do so.

Reuss, who requested such an investigation, said he had received a letter from Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter, D-Pa., turning down the idea. Walter said the committee had received many letters of complaint about the society, but none contained material information indicating that the committee could or should launch an investigation.

Walter said "it is not the function of this committee, of course, to serve as a sounding board—either for an organization against individuals, or for individuals against an organization."

In urging a Senate investigation of the organization, Kuchel accused Welch of a "fantastic and incredible libel" for accusing Eisenhower of being a "card-carrying Communist."

"Good God," the California Republican exclaimed. "Should the American people and the American government let that kind of spleen be poured on one who gives his whole life to the cause...of freedom?"

Kuchel said, "I denounce anyone who makes that kind of statement."

The California senator said the Government Operations Committee should call Welch and "ask him for the basis on which he makes these charges, and since he is unable to document them, have him apologize to Eisenhower," Chief Justice Earl Warren and the American people.

Many senators have received letters inspired by the society urging Warren's impeachment.

"Across the street sits the chief justice, another good American," Kuchel said, "and the people of this society besmirch his character...Many of us have been denounced and besmirched by some members of this organization."

Dodd noted that Welch had accused Eisenhower, former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the late John Foster Dulles, Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles and Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, among others, of being pro-Communist.

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Conservative 'Anti-Communist' Group Concerns Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criticism in Congress and elsewhere of the John Birch Society brought a cry Friday from a member—who also sits in Congress—that Communists are promoting a smear of the ultrarightist organization.

Even as a Justice Department spokesman said the society's activities are a matter of concern there, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., called a news conference.

"My advice is for people not to sound off before they have all the facts," he said.

Before talking with reporters, Hiestand, who disclosed earlier his affiliation with the society, had a telephone conversation with its founder, Robert H. W. Welch Jr., of Belmont, Mass.

Ike, Warren are Targets

Welch is a retired candy maker who founded the society in 1948. His personal targets include former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren. Welch has called Eisenhower a Red and says Warren should be impeached.

Hiestand said he did not agree with Welch as to Eisenhower or Warren.

But, he said, the remarks about Eisenhower had "been made several years ago and were taken out of context" by those now quoting them.

Hiestand said there were also other society policy statements he disagreed with.

Reason for Staying

"I choose to stay because the society as a whole is a 98 per cent dedicated anti-Communist group. To me it would seem to have a better chance of successful achievement than any of the other sound and fine patriotic groups of which I know," Hiestand said.

Hiestand, when disclosing his own membership Thursday, had said there were other members of Congress in the society but did not name them.

Friday, he named Rep. John Rousselot, R-Calif., as another member of Congress active in the society and said "I am quite sure there are others."

In response to questions, Hiestand said of the society:

Society's Goal

He doesn't know how many members or chapters it has now, but the goal is 100,000 members this year.

He has been "informed" there are several society chapters in Washington, but doesn't "know the facts" as to that; and

The society is not a secret one but the identity of members is kept confidential to protect them from "persecution and attack."

Hiestand said he belongs to the "home" chapter of the society which he described as a nationwide chapter directly under Welch. He referred to Welch as "the founder" in all references to him during the news conference.

Hiestand described the society members as "violent, emphatic, dedicated anti-Communists" but contended that not more than two per cent "might be considered extremists."

Smear Is Charged

He said growing criticism of the group by newspapers and public figures was part of a "pro-Communist smear" and was proof of the society's success in fighting communism.

In response to a question, he said he was unable to identify any Communists among those who were criticizing the society.

"But they are in the background of the smear," he added.

Hiestand said the major aim of the society is to spread information about the Communist conspiracy, through letters to congressmen and other methods.

A number of members of Congress have urged investigations of the Birch Society's activities. There have been attacks on some members of Congress, carried out chiefly through letters to other organizations and individuals.

Matter of Concern

The statement that the group's activities are a matter of concern to Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was made by the Justice Department spokesman in response to an inquiry as to whether the department planned any action. He would not elaborate and there was no direct statement from Kennedy.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover spoke out Friday against "reckless charges" and "vigilante action" in a signed editorial in the FBI law enforcement bulletin.

Target Not Named

Hoover did not mention the John Birch Society, and FBI spokesmen declined comment on whether the society was an intended target.

Hoover wrote: "The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action.

"Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears."

The Birch society was founded in 1948 by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass. It has active chapters in almost every part of the country. The society is named for a Baptist missionary who served as an Army intelligence officer in the Far East in World War II. The society says Birch was killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after the end of the war.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., told a reporter he would ask the Senate Internal Security subcommittee to investigate the society and its leaders. Dodd joined Sen. Thomas Kuchel, R-Calif., in denouncing the organization Thursday in the Senate.

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Leader of Birch Society Denies Commie Labeling

BELMONT, Mass. (AP) — Robert Welch, founder of the ultra-rightist John Birch Society, denied Friday that he ever called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

When asked in an interview whether he ever did view Eisenhower as a Red agent, he replied:

"I never had that opinion, I never thought it then with firmness enough to publish it or to say it in public and I don't today."

The latter exchange came when a reporter asked him to comment on this statement published in a book comprising what Welch calls a "private confidential letter written years ago:"

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

The book—or letter—also describes Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as tools of communism. When asked about this he told a reporter he had said "They were being used by the Communists—I never said they were Communists and I don't say it now."

The interview with Welch in the headquarters of the Birch Society here took place after he issued a prepared statement "offered as an effort to pierce some of the incredible fog of falsehood now being so widely circulated about me."

Welch said in the statement he does not think Truman and Roosevelt were Communists "or sympathizers in any way with ultimate Communist aims."

Welch, a retired 61-year-old candy manufacturer, said "The John Birch Society is not, simply because we have sought to avoid publicity, thereby a secret organization.

"Our objective has been to build strength and understanding instead of creating noise," he said. "All of our materials are wide open for anybody to purchase."

Welch said "nowhere in my private or published writings have I ever called former President Eisenhower a 'card-carrying' Communist."

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Two Senators Belong . . .

Bob Kennedy Wonders About John Birch Group

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is concerned about the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, the Justice Department reported Friday. But it declined to say whether he was investigating the semi-secret organization.

Meantime, two members of Congress identified themselves as members of the society and defended its aims and activities. Both said they would welcome an investigation of the organization to clear up confusion about its operations.

The statements came as vice chairman Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., of the Senate internal security subcommittee said he would raise the possibility of a Senate investigation of the anti-Communist group at the subcommittee's next meeting. He did not say he would push for an inquiry.

Rep. Don L. Short, D-N.D., called for a Justice Department inquiry. Assistant Senate Republican Leader Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., Wednesday proposed that the senate government operations committee question Robert Welch, former candy manufacturer who founded the society.

A Justice Department spokesman said the attorney general's concern about the society was prompted by the "growing number of inquiries the Justice Department has received" about the group. There was no elaboration on the brief statement.

But Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., the first member of Congress to reveal that he belongs to the society, said he and Welch would welcome a congressional inquiry, "the more thorough the better."

Hiestand defended the organization as the best means of fighting the "Communist conspiracy." He conceded that some members might be extremists, but denied the society is a clandestine or fascist group.

He told a news conference the society's main purposes were "violent and emphatic anti-Communism" and promotion of "less and less government."

Later, Rep. John H. Rousselot, R-Calif., identified himself as another John Birch member. He said in San Marino, Calif., that society chapters in his area are "basically study groups, not arm-waving people who run around harassing others."

Like Hiestand, Rousselot called for hearings "so that the mysticism of the socity—the cloak of darkness—can be cleared up."

In a related development, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover criticized "vigilante action" by Americans opposed to Communism. He did not name the society or any other group.

Hoover wrote in the April Law Enforcement Bulletin that Communists stand to gain from any rift created by "certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another." He said the label of Communist "is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority."

The FBI chief said, "The ingredients for Communist coups in nations which have fallen under its spell always include a populace shaken with fear, hysteria and confusion."

Several more House members criticized the society, particularly its drive to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren and Welch's statement several years ago that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Central Intelligence Agency Chief Allen W. Dulles were Communists.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 29, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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Has Reason Gone Underground?

John Birch Society Says Commies Just About Run U.S. Government

Editor's Note: What effect has the Communist influence had upon day-to-day life in our city? Our nation? Are extremes of viewpoint on Communism creating an atmosphere of distrust? Setting neighbor against neighbor? It is with these questions in mind that staff writer Lou Linley has been assigned to do a series of articles on Red-baiters and Red-boosters . . . and sometimes it is hard to tell the difference.

By LOU LINLEY

"Find the Communist" is a game apparently being played with increasing popularity around town these days, and it's getting nigh impossible to tell the players from the spectators.

It is difficult to be a pacifist and be considered out of the ranks of the confirmed Reds.

It is also difficult to march in the column militant in the protection of our Constitutional rights without being tagged a Fascist.

Each side has its secret societies, each its front men, each its undercover agents, double agents, counter agents, counter counter agents and double double trouble shooters. The myriad of clubs, tongs and publications on each side is labyrinthine.

It's time to get a scorecard, but where can you find a trustworthy hawker?

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Tough Down the Middle

The moderate middle-of-the-road between the extremes of right and left, once popular and a sign of good judgment, now seems out of the question. To follow this course means exposure to stern, zealous attacks from both sides. The one accuses "softism" and weakness conducive to the ideal "creeping climate;" the other, pointing the finger at "softism" and weak knees, condemns the middle-of-the-roader for being too wishy-washy to take a firm "Christian" stand.

At the extremes of the shaky middleground are the "shoot the commies on sight" brown shirts at one end, and the "we'll be anything to keep from being exterminated" fear peddlers at the other.

Looking down upon the playing field with a great deal of pleasure is the Kremlin.

The only unmolested ground is the limbo of silence. Into its refuge some of the more thoughtful of the populace has retired: an act which infuriates players on both sides of the Maypole, and they are constantly set about getting more players into the game by pestering and goading fresh victims out of the silent pocket.

Persons dragged up from the well of silence quite often run out onto the brightly lit playing field toward the ranks of the Middleground, and the first lesson they learn is that everyone on the field is expendable.

On the right end of the field, depending upon which side you're sitting—it makes little difference—are grouped those people who would arm the CD unit, follow the John Birch Society to hell and back and fire the Fish and Game Department for being a pack of Communists attempting to destroy the game in the hills which will one day support a mountain-type guerrilla war against the nuclear armed Reds.

At the other end of the field are gathered the equally absurd who would immediately stop compulsory military training, halt nuclear testing and pump thick and thin for Communist "integration" on the basis that by America's showing "the true free way" the Soviets and lesser endowed peoples of the world will drop their rancor and come suckle at our benevolent breast.

Nothing has come so prominently to the fore these past several weeks as representing the camp at the extreme right as has a burgeoning organization, called the John Birch Society, described by its members as being "violently anti-Communist."

Robert Welch

Absolute master of John Birch Society is 61-year-old Robert Welch, retired partner in a Boston candy firm, who estimates the United States is 40 to 60 per cent Communist controlled.

Welch is a first rate executive, brilliant organizer, smooth salesman and highly persuasive writer and speaker. He's been two years in organizing John Birch; already the society has an estimated membership substantially in excess of 100,000, several thousand of which are reportedly making a concentrated effort in southern California.

Robert Welch, self proclaimed possessor of what he calls "a sensitive and accurate nose for smelling out Communists," has smelled out some in pretty high places; Dwight David Eisenhower for one, his brother, Milton, for another, and the list includes Chief Justice Earl Warren, the Dulles brothers, the late Gen. George Catlett Marshall, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, ad nauseum.

Welch did most of his super-damning in a tome—which started out to be a "letter to a friend" and grew like Topsy — entitled "The Politician."

High placed members of the society insist that because "The Politician" was written several years prior to the founding of the society, some of the book's more extreme content must be overlooked and not be construed as part of the tenets of the John Birch Society. These principles, John Birchers declare, are contained in what is referred to as "The Blue Book"—also written by Robert Welch.

"The Blue Book"

"The Blue Book," required reading for all new John Birchers, is said to be a transcript—182 pages—of Welch's two-day organizational meeting with 12 men in Indianapolis, Dec. 8 and 9, 1958.

In that meeting Robert Welch laid on the line the philosophy and organization of a movement he wanted desperately to spawn.

Explicitly, Welch said: ". . . and Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans both found out, and as I believe every man in this room (the first 12 disciples) clearly realizes—Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and of perennial fraud."

"The John Birch Society is a monolithic organization. It will operate under completely authoritative controls at all levels; it is imperative that all the strength we can muster be subject to smoothly running direction from the top.

"We are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates. We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every-question theme.

"Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splinter following of their own within the society."

"We Mean Business"

"I am proposing the formation of the John Birch Society under completely authoritative control at all levels. We mean business every step of the way.

"Communist influences are now in almost complete control of the federal government."

"When an elected government succeeds in attracting an overwhelming majority behind it for any length of time, its mob instincts make it the most tyrannical of all forms of social organization."

"We are out to get a million members truly dedicated to the things in which we believe."

"Future history is always determined by minorities who really know what they want."

Ringing Echo

And so they go, the pronouncements of Robert Welch echoing almost continuously across the country, Welch writes and signs the John Birch Society bulletin issued each month to the entire membership. The society also now owns Welch's monthly magazine, American Opinion, which Welch promises "will be sent free to any member of the society simply on that member's request;" the subscription rate of $5, however, is preferred with the request. The Dan Smoot report gets regular circulation through the membership. The society also sees that Clarence Manion and Fulton Lewis Jr. are heavily sponsored.

Membership in the society, incidentally, costs $24 per year for men and $12 annually for women (not a bad revenue if the society reaches its projected goal of 1,000,000 members).

The society takes its name from a fundamentalist Baptist preacher, native of Georgia, who became a missionary to China and later an intelligence officer with Gen. Claire Chennault's forces during World War II. He rose to the rank of captain. Birch was shot and killed, 10 days after V-J Day, in a Chinese village. Five years later, former Sen. William Knowland of California, charged he was murdered in cold blood by the Chinese Communists.

In Birch, Welch found the symbol for all that he thought the society should stand for. In Welch's mind Birch was the first casualty — or martyr—of the third world war, a fight to the death between Communism and "Christian-style" civilization.

Next: The John Birchers around us.

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Officers Differ on John Birch Death

FORT WORTH, Texas AP — The officer who made the official report on the death of the man for whom the controversial John Birch society was named reluctantly said that Birch "was responsible for his own death," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram said Sunday.

Gus Krause of Pasadena, Calif., made the statement in an interview Saturday night.

Krause, now a civilian, was an OSS lieutenant colonel at Shian in North China at the time of Birch's death.

The John Birch society has been under fire for its ultraconservative activities, and the society has been accused of calling some of the nation's leaders or former leaders Communists.

"Birch was a real fine gentleman, but being a son of a missionary family and having grown up among the Chinese, he was pretty forward and spoke harshly with the Chinese.

"He brought about his own death . . . he didn't die the hero he was supposed to have died," Krause said.

Krause was contacted after Joseph Sample, president of KOOK and KOOK-TV at Billings, Mont., who served in the same outfit with Birch, said "there was no real object lesson in Birch's death, and certainly no glory."

Birch was killed by Chinese Communists Aug. 25, 1945 while on a mission in central China as head of a small team. He was killed after engaging in an argument with the leader of a group of Chinese Reds, Sample said.

"The Chinese Communists would fire at the drop of a handkerchief," Krause recalled. "Because of Birch's background and his long life in China, he threw his weight around.

"He had that commander backed into a corner . . . where he almost had to shoot . . . to save face among his group."

Birch's body was hacked with knives Krause said, adding he has photos to verify his official report.

LOS ANGELES AP—An Army intelligence officer who prepared the OSS mission on which John Birch was killed by Chinese Communists in 1945 said Sunday:

"Certainly John was just as much a hero as any other American soldier who died for his country."

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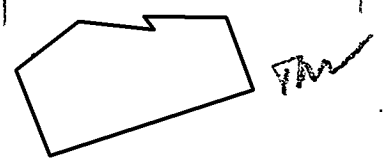

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Officers Differ on John Birch Death

FORT WORTH, Texas AP — The officer who made the official report on the death of the man for whom the controversial John Birch society was named reluctantly said that Birch "was responsible for his own death," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram said Sunday.

Gus Krause of Pasadena, Calif., made the statement in an interview Saturday night.

Krause, now a civilian, was an OSS lieutenant colonel at Shian in North China at the time of Birch's death.

The John Birch society has been under fire for its ultraconservative activities, and the society has been accused of calling some of the nation's leaders or former leaders Communists.

"Birch was a real fine gentleman, but being a son of a missionary family and having grown up among the Chinese, he was pretty forward and spoke harshly with the Chinese.

"He brought about his own death . . . he didn't die the hero he was supposed to have died," Krause said.

Krause was contacted after Joseph Sample, president of KOOK and KOOK-TV at Billings, Mont., who served in the same outfit with Birch, said "there was no real object lesson in Birch's death, and certainly no glory."

Birch was killed by Chinese Communists Aug. 25, 1945 while on a mission in central China as head of a small team. He was killed after engaging in an argument with the leader of a group of Chinese Reds, Sample said.

"The Chinese Communists would fire at the drop of a handkerchief," Krause recalled. "Because of Birch's background and his long life in China, he threw his weight around.

"He had that commander backed into a corner . . . where he almost had to shoot . . . to save face among his group."

Birch's body was hacked with knives Krause said, adding he has photos to verify his official report.

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Billings Weekly Speaks Up . .

Birchites Characterized As 'Our Newest Riff-Raff'

While the daily press of the Nation has been doing research and publicity on the John Birch Society, an organization that accused former President Eisenhower of "treason", and included in its accusations as belonging to the Communist conspiracy such national leaders as Milton Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles, the daily press of Montana has done nothing. The Helena daily has given headlines and publicity to organizations showing John Birch Society material.

(For more on Birchites, See WHAT DO YOU THINK—Editor.

However, in last week's YELLOWSTONE NEWS that Billings weekly brought to the attention of the people of the area the existence of two "cells", and in an editorial called the radical rightists "Our Newest Riff-Raff".

The NEWS story said:

Two local "cells", unknown to each other, are in the process of formation, the News has learned. One of the most strictly enforced directives of the Society is that: "Neither the list of our members, of either local chapters or the Home Chapter, nor their number, is ever given out to anyone".

The NEWS editorial remarked that "conservatism is on the march", and they hoped 'for the sake of intelectual conservatism, that crackpot cells do not destroy the movement before it can gain its second wind".

Concluding the editor said:

"Gestapo-styled societies, Communist hunters who take their command language out of Marx and Engles and political sadists of all forms are beginning to have field days in America. To our regret they are promoting themselves as conservative organizations.

"They should be reduced to the 'wild schoolboy' organizations they are. No group deserves recognition when intemperate, inaccurate and super-charged emotionalism is its prime calling card.

"Conservatism cannot allow itself to be halted by such riff-raff".

The YN contacted Robert Welch, leader of the society at his Boston office. Welch said his group is making progress despite the assaults.

The NEWS report said the drive in Montana to form Birch Societies is less than two months old. Information reaching the VOICE indicates the groundwork and beginning of the organizational atmosphere began some time ago.

For about two years "patriotic" groups in Billings and elsewhere have been promoting the Birch Society material, along with their monthly publication "American Opinion", as part of their "recommended reading".

The question most often asked is whether the many "anti-communist" meetings and "study groups" in the state have any connection with the Birch Society.

In answer to this question posed to a Helena politician we were told, "The Birch people obviously don't reach out and grab members for their cells; there has to be a climate created for the suspicion, hate and fear that dominates these radical activities".

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Birch Society's Chief Bitterly Hit and Defended

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, Monday called the founder of the far-right John Birch Society a little Hitler, a Mussolini, a fake patriot, and a slick demagogue.

But Young called for no investigation by Congress.

Some cries have arisen in Congress for an investigation of founder Robert Welch, who once described former President Dwight D. Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

Young, however, told the Senate that Congress is too busy to take time for such an investigation.

Even if there were time, Young continued, "any mercenary demagogue has the right to express opinions, though discredited, unfounded and false."

And, Young concluded, the John Birch Society, like similar organizations in the past, will die "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

But while Young attacked the society on the floor of the Senate, another congressman issued a statement in its defense.

Rep. John H. Rousselot, R-Calif., said he joined the John Birch Society several months ago "because I believe that, in the main, the society is designed to oppose the Communist threat in a positive, legal and correct way."

"It is basically made up of individual study groups in which the members read about and discuss communism in an effort to understand fully the menace it presents to America," he said.

Rousselot added, however, that certain quoted statements of Welch did not represent the thinking of the whole society.

And the congressman said he would welcome an investigation of the society—the sooner the better.

Various critics and some friends of the society have urged investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate internal security subcommittee, or the Senate Government Operations Committee.

But the chairmen of all three have indicated they have no plans for any probe of the society.

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Bob Kennedy Calls John Birch Society Ridiculous

WASHINGTON (AP) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said Thursday he thinks the John Birch Society is ridiculous.

"I don't think anybody should really pay too much attention to them," Kennedy told his first news conference when he was asked about members of the ultra-rightist organization headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

"I think they make no contribution" to the "fight against communism here in the United States, and in fact I think if anything they are a hindrance."

The John Birch Society has drawn criticism in Congress and elsewhere for statements by its founder, Welch, describing Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles and other eminent leaders as tools of communism.

Kennedy said from what he has read in the newspapers about the society, "it seems to me it is an organization in the area of being humorous, and I don't think so much attention should be taken."

He added, "Nothing has been brought to my attention that they have violated any federal law."

Previously, a Justice Department spokesman had said the activities of the Birch society had become a matter of concern to the attorney general. Kennedy did not mention that Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union has defended the society's right to make statements and hold opinions, no matter how extreme and repugnant they may seem to others.

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Has Reason Gone Underground?

John Birch Society Spreads Its Influence into Montana

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Second in a Series

By LOU LINLEY

The John Birch Society was organized in secret, initially with what is called the "home" chapter (under Welch's direct supervision) which now counts members in all 50 states.

At least 34 states, plus D.C., have from 1 to 100 working chapter. Though the society's membership is still kept for the most part under a heavy cloak of secrecy, its activities have spilled more into the open of late.

Welch advocates an extensive reading room program which would see society controlled literature spread across the nation like a white ribbon of light. Welch is also obsessed with a prodigeous letter writing program. In his monthly bulletin he often sets an example for his flock by including a variety of form letters, in his mind fit for sending congressman, PTA presidents, the secretary of state, etc. His vituperation against persons high in government, and willingness to find Reds behind every tree also received prominent display in each monthly issue of the bulletin. That some of the innocent as well as the guilty will eventually suffer in the society's war against Communism seems relatively unimportant to the Bircher. This factor is simply written off as part of the inevitable casualty of war.

In the Open

John Birchers in California, drawn out by the press in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, have made open declarations of the intent of the organization and publically espoused its cause.

In less certain, new areas, such as Montana, the society is still wrapped in darkness. Persons believed to have been taken into the society (and it's joined by invitation only) so far, are reluctant to march out into the open.

It is undetermined if any members of the John Birch Society live in Missoula. In the Bitter Root Valley, however, there are members. It is also believed that units of the society have been formed there and are flourishing. Known, too, is the fact members of the society have visited Missoula with the intent of laying the groundwork for enlisting members and organizing working units. Sidney has a chapter, and at least one is believed to be operating in Billings.

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Mansfield Speaks

March 8, on the floor of the United States Senate, Sen. Mike Mansfield said in the wake of a description of the society's activities and growth in North Dakota by that state's Sen. Milton D. Young:

"Mr. President, I am glad the distinguished senator from North Dakota has brought this matter up, because the same thing is happening in the State of Montana. I have been trying to get some information as to what the John Birch Society is, and I cannot seem to get any help from various committees here or the agencies downtown.

"Certainly when any organization accuses a president of the United States, a man who has served with such distinction as Gen Eisenhower, I think something is wrong somewhere and that something ought to be done to lay the facts before the American people so that they can judge this organization for what it is. I never heard of it. I do not know who John Birch is. But there is a John Birch Society which is apparently operating in Montana and the Dakotas."

Who Are They?

The inner circle of the organization is called the Council of the John Birch Society. Its members (about 23 a year ago) are from a variety of vocations, but have the common denominator of success.

Predominately from the ranks of business, particularly manufacturing, the purpose of the council membership, in Welch's words, is three-fold: To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the society; to give its founder the benefit of the council's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy;" and to select with absolute and final authority, a successor to myself as head of the John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "suicide," or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists —or I simply die in bed of old age and cantankerous disposition."

The council membership includes Louis Ruthenburg, chairman of the board of Servel, Inc.; Cola G. Parker, former president of the Kimberly-Clark Co.; A. G. Heinsohn Jr., president of Cherokee Mills; Fred C. Koch, president of the Rock Island Oil anl Refining Co.; Thomas J. Anderson, editor and publisher of Farm and Ranch; T. Coleman Andrews, former commissioner of internal revenue; actor Adolphe Menjou, and a sprinkling of college professors, physicians and retired military.

These men are mostly financially independent, in the twilight of their lives and are seemingly dedicated to spending the remaining of their years in this "war to the death;" all are convinced America and what she has traditionally stood for is one foot in the grave, and each is capable of considerable individual action toward furthering the growth of the society.

It may be added too that each of these council members believes ardently in the method—infallability, even—of Robert Welch.

(Next — Absolute obedience to Welch, Birch Society's Cardinal Rule.)

Has Reason Gone Underground?

Absolute Obedience to Welch, Birch Society's Cardinal Rule

Third in a Series

By LOU LINLEY

What is the reaction of Robert Welch, monarch of the John Birch Society, when the rank and file John Bircher is shaken by the hue and cry of public opinion?

In every sense of the word, an autocrat, and answerable to no one, Welch feels not the least incumbency to explain his actions, and at this late date, illuminate his bald statements and wide accusations.

In last year's October bulletin he wrote, "We have just had convincing proof, from the storm we have been through, that the loyalty of our members—of almost all of our members—is practically stormproof. We can take for granted the kind of support that moves mountains; support that is undismayed by the size of the job ahead or the sniping of the enemy around us."

Welch expects, and has so far gotten, blind faith on the part of his adherents; he says further in this same October bulletin:

"We now have a sufficient core of experienced, dedicated members who understand our methods and purposes, so we do not have to worry as much about the inevitable charges that we are 'dictatorial'."

And Welch says further, "These members know that our only concern is the efficiency and effectiveness of the John Birch Society; and that even within the society we want no member to carry out any of our requests that is against his individual conscience.

"They also know, however," Welch goes on, "that in order to accomplish anything worth while we must increasingly move and act as a body, with the participation of every member—so far is at all practicable, and except in those rare instances where conscience intervenes—in carrying out every request."

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And finally Welch concludes, "And all that being understood by enough older members, for them to be able to reassure and inspire newer members, we shall now become to some extent more straightforward, more staccato, and less explanatory in these bulletins, about most of the things we ask you to do."

The declared goal of the John Birch Society is classically conservative: "Promote less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Revolutionists

And Welch says: ". . . although the John Birch Society is not really starting a revolution, yet our determination to overthrow an entrenched tyranny is the very stuff out of which revolutions are made."

The society's war on Communism, or against what it passionately hates in the United States government, i.e., federal income tax, social security, Earl Warren, etc., is conducted on a fight-fire-with-fire, chips-fall-where-they-may basis, openly using many of the tactics which have worked well for the Communists.

That there are relatively few card carrying Communists in the United States doesn't deter the can be found than in the operation of the John Birch Society . . . and this is by no means the formula's virgin testing. Hitler used it, and Stalin . . . and certainly the hard core nucleus of the Communist Party is using it.

Implementor of the formula and captor of the power, must be a superbly talented organizer and political tactician; a single minded zealot; a man like Robert Welch.

Next: The other side of the coin.

Welchites. A Los Angeles insurance executive, high in the society's ranks, explained that for each declared Communist there are 10 persons standing behind him ready to do his bidding and another 10—the do-gooder type—ready to go along with them. "It would take only a few Communists to upset the balance from a political standpoint," he continues, and sews up his argument with the generally accepted fact there is probably less than three per cent of Russia's 200 million population which is Communist, and this holds true in the countries she absorbs.

Formula for Terror

Eugene Burdick, in his novel, "The Ninth Wave," offers the brutal political success formula of Fear plus Hate equals Power. In America today it's doubtful if a more obvious or successful example of this theory in practice

BY SIDNEY MEMBER

Congressional Investigation Of John Birch Society Requested

SIDNEY — Open session Congressional investigation of the John Birch Society in Montana and North Dakota is called for by the organization's volunteer co-ordinator, Math J. Dasinger of Sidney.

Dasinger asked for the open session investigation in a message to U.S. Sen. J. O. Eastland, D-Miss., chairman of the Senate Internal Securities Subcommittee.

"I, for one, would volunteer to testify, and I assure you that I will not take the Fifth Amendment," Dasinger declared in a copy of his message sent to The Billings Gazette.

"I'm confident that when the facts are known, the John Birch Society will stand as an example of dedicated patriotism to all who believe our country and its heritage are worth saving," Dasinger stated.

Dasinger appealed for the hearing in Montana and North Dakota because "it was Senator Young (R-North Dakota) and Senator Mansfield (D-Montana) who first indicated concern about the society as recorded in the Congressional Record."

The Sidney man said he had been a volunteer co-ordinator of the Birch Society in Montana for several months. He said he had done considerable work in establishing chapters.

"The present publicity, the majority of which is adverse, so far as the John Birch Society is concerned, does not present a fair summation," Dasinger stated.

"The news coverage given remarks and/or statements attributed to Robert Welch (founder) has convinced many people that the John Birch Society is a subversive, to the right, but nonetheless subversive, organization.

"The people are entitled to having the air cleared as regards the society, and if it is subversive, make the information available to everyone. This will also be only fair to the thousands of members of the society."

Dasinger added "for the present, most of our activity centers around defending the John Birch Society, and consequently we are taken out of the battle against the communists."

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Friend of Nutter Is Birch Official

HELENA (AP) — Republican Gov. Donald G. Nutter Monday night said he has had no chance yet to look at a Democratic legislator's letter terming the controversial John Birch society a "cancerous political growth."

Neither has he had time to study information about the society, which he recently asked his staff to collect for him.

Nutter said the letter from Rep. Charles Cerovski, D-Fergus, "was laid on my desk about 5 o'clock tonight but I had no chance to look at it immediately.

"The other information I requested also is on my desk."

Nutter said he intends to get information on groups that have been attacking the society.

Asked by a newsman what he thought of announcement that one of his pre-election campaign helpers, Math Dasinger of Sidney, is Montana coordinator of the society in Montana, Nutter replied:

"I guess he is entitled to belong to any society so long as it is not Communist. I would be alarmed if this were a communist group, but it is an anti-Communist organization, apparently."

The governor described Dasinger as "a good solid citizen. I wish we had more like him in Montana."

Dasinger, a 33-year-old dry cleaning plant operator, made the announcement after Cerovski called on the governor to ask Montana members of the controversial society to reveal themselves.

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To Whom It May Concern,

We were talking about the John Burch Society in school the other day and I became very interested in it. I am not for it by any means but I am courious how this organizations operates and how they choose the persons they call communists. I would like to know approximately how many people belong to this society both state and nationaly, and approximately how maney people this society has claimed communists, both state and national on this to please. I would also like to know who to contact in Ravalli County, Montana, for futher information.

Would you please send this information to: [redacted] Hamilton, Montana, if possible.

Very truly yours,

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400 Thornton Building
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 13, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

H. G. MAYNOR
Special Agent in Charge

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Storm over Birchers

California's mild, patient Senator Tom Kuchel was fed up. A moderate Republican from the state where Chief Justice Earl Warren was once a Republican Governor, Kuchel was tired of getting obviously organized demands for the impeachment of Warren on the ground that he gave "aid and comfort to the Communist conspiracy." By Kuchel's triangulation, the attacks were inspired by the name-calling, semisecret John Birch Society* (TIME, March 10), which has made Warren's impeachment its No. 1 goal.

On the Senate floor, Kuchel attacked the society by name, saving his hardest words for Founder and Leader Robert Welch, a retired candymaker and self-styled Americanist, who rates Harry Truman, John Foster Dulles and Dwight D. Eisenhower, among others, as Communist agents or dupes. "Good God," roared Kuchel while rushing to Ike's rescue, "should the American people and the American Government let that kind of spleen be poured upon one who has given his whole life to freedom?" Connecticut's burly Tom Dodd, a conservative Democrat and tough anti-Communist, joined in. Welch's judgments, said he, are "an affront to decency and intelligence."

Surprisingly enough, not all Congressmen agreed. In Los Angeles, Arizona's Barry Goldwater said: "A lot of people in my home town have been attracted to the society, and I am impressed by the type of people in it. They are the kind we need in politics." Republican Congressman Edgar Hiestand of California called the attacks "a pro-Communist smear," proudly noted that both he and John Rousselot, another California Republican, are Birchers. Ohio Republican Gordon Scherer, a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said that although he was not a member, he "looked favorably on this organization."

Clearly, a lot more publicity was coming in the society's direction. Kuchel and Congressman Henry Reuss, Wisconsin Democrat, called for a congressional investigation of Welch and his society. A spokesman for Attorney General Robert Kennedy said that the society's activities were "a matter of concern to the Justice Department." Across the land, newspapers began to print articles inquiring into Birch Society techniques in their own home towns.

That much public protest was more than Founder Welch had bargained for. At week's end, he asked the Senate internal security subcommittee to investigate the society, piously promised that "none of our members will plead the Fifth Amendment." He also denied that he had ever called Ike a "card-carrying Communist" or believed him to be a Red agent. "I never had that opinion; I never thought it then with firmness enough to publish it or to say it in public, and I don't today." Of course, Robert Welch admitted, he had written a "private, confidential letter," *i.e.*, his privately circulated book *The Politician*, "in which I stated some harsh personal opinions of our then President." That harsh personal opinion: "Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

* Son of missionaries, John Morrison Birch was born in Landour, India, May 28, 1918. He was raised in Macon, Ga., graduated from Mercer University (where he belonged to a group that raised unproven heresy charges against some of the professors), became a fundamentalist Baptist missionary in China. During World War II he joined a U.S. Army intelligence unit in China, served with the rank of captain. Ten days after the Japanese surrender in 1945, he was killed by a band of Chinese Communist guerrillas. Birch Society members regard him as the first victim of the cold war. Birch's parents, who live in retirement in Georgia, are honorary life members of the society. Last week his mother said that they were "heartily in accord with the purpose and the procedure of the John Birch Society."

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WHO WAS JOHN BIRCH?

On Aug. 25, 1945, ten days after the end of World War II, a slender, 27-year-old captain in the Army Air Forces named John Birch was killed in China by a band of Communists. Sixteen years later, John Birch lives on as the rallying symbol of the arch-conservative, anti-Communist John Birch Society. Yet Birch himself remains a shadowy figure. Who was he? How did he live? And how did he die?

JOHN BIRCH was born in Landour, India, to a husband-and-wife team of missionaries. When John was two years old, his family returned to the U.S., and he was raised in New Jersey and Georgia. In 1939 Birch graduated from Georgia's Baptist-controlled Mercer University as the top man in his class, leaving behind him a record that is still recalled. "He was always an angry young man, always a zealot," says a classmate. "He felt he was called to defend the faith, and he alone knew what it was." Says a psychology professor: "He was like a one-way valve: everything coming out and no room to take anything in."

In his senior year, Birch organized a secret "Fellowship Group" and set out to suppress a mildly liberal trend at Mercer. He and twelve colleagues collected examples of "heresy" uttered by faculty members (example: a reference to evolution), whipped up support among Georgia's Baptist clergy, finally forced the school to try five men on the charge. Mercer eventually dismissed the cases, but not before admonishing 75-year-old Dr. John D. Freeman, a world-famous Baptist leader, for using a theologically "unsound" textbook. That summer Dr. Freeman quietly retired from Mercer. Says a professor: "It broke him."

Birch went to China as a missionary in 1940, and was caught there by Pearl Harbor. In 1942, as he was trying to find a way to enlist, the war literally dropped in on him. He was taken one night by a native to a man who had fallen out of the sky. The fallen: Lieut. Colonel Jimmy Doolittle. Birch led Doolittle and a group of the survivors of the Tokyo raid to safety, then joined the unit that later became General Claire Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force and began a remarkable career in air combat intelligence. Wrote Chennault later: "Birch was the pioneer of our field-intelligence net."

Traveling up to 100 miles behind enemy lines, Birch radioed back word on prime Japanese targets. He directed the building of three airstrips within enemy territory. For his work, Birch was awarded the Legion of Merit, got a posthumous Oak Leaf Cluster for "exceptionally meritorious service."

BIRCH BEING DECORATED BY CHENNAULT

Birch was eventually transferred to the Office of Strategic Services and was assigned late in the war to a tiny, scorpion-infested base at Sian in North China. Baptist Birch is remembered as a loner with a somewhat overbearing manner. In his diary, Major Gustav Krause, commanding officer of the base, gravely noted: "Birch is a good officer, but I'm afraid is too brash and may run into trouble."

When the Japanese surrendered, Birch led a routine mission to discover how far south the Chinese Communists had penetrated. His group bumped into a Chinese Communist force. As the scene has been reconstructed, Birch argued violently with the Communist officer who wanted to disarm him. Birch was seized and shot after his hands had been tied. The Communists then bayoneted him at least 15 times and tossed his body on a heap of junk and garbage.

"In the confusing situation," said Krause last week, "my instructions were to act with diplomacy. Birch made the Communist lieutenant lose face before his own men. Militarily, John Birch brought about his own death."

Thus, in his lifetime, John Birch was a legitimate hero. But in both his life and his death he was almost as controversial as the organization that has been named after him,

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The Birch-Barkers

Conservatives, Congressmen, clergymen and Communists were all sounding off last week about the way-way-right John Birch Society (TIME, March 10). Items:

¶ Said Richard Cardinal Cushing of the so~~ciety and~~ its founder, Robert Welch: "Everyone must salute the efforts of sincere and dedicated men who engage in anti-Communist efforts. Robert Welch is such a man. On the other hand, we must deplore the exaggeration and excesses which discredit even a good thing. Anyone who suggests that President Eisenhower promoted Communist causes is speaking in absurdities."

¶ U.S. Communist Chairman Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, 70, solemnly refuted Welch's charge that Ike was a "conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy": "That's ridiculous, of course." The society, she added, is "so obviously capable of telling all kinds of falsehoods it seems impossible of making any impression on the American people."

¶ Ohio's Democratic Senator Stephen M. Young declared that "the fascist John Birch Society and others like it are as serious—probably more serious—a threat to our security and way~~ of life~~ as internal Communism." But Young opposed a congressional investigation of the society. Said he: "Any mercenary demagogue has a right to express his opinions, though distorted, unfounded and false."

¶ Said Attorney General Robert Kennedy: "I don't think anybody should really pay too much attention to them. It seems to me the society is an organization in the area of being humorous."

¶ Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater said he knew liberal Democrats as well as conservative Republicans who were members of the society, warned that an investigation of the organization would turn up "a lot of embarrassed people" in Congress.

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Has Reason Gone Underground?

Communists Point to 35-Year Journey of 'Accomplishment'

Fourth in a Series

By LOU LINLEY

"First we shall take Eastern Europe, then the masses of Asia; then we will circle the United States, which will be the last bastion of capitalism. We will not have to attack. It will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands."

Thus spoke Vladimir Lenin some 3[illegible] years ago.

"We are happy when we build Communism (in Russia), but that is not enough. We shall be happy when the people of all countries stand under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Communist banner will fly over the whole planet."

Thus spoke Nikita Khrushchev . . . a scant 26 days ago. Khrushchev spoke from Alma Ata, capital of the Soviet state of Kazakhstan, on a Russia-wide radio hookup.

For nearly four decades the Communist goal has remained unchanged.

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The succession of Communist conquest through the past 20 years reads the cold steel of truth into the prophecies of Vladimir Lenin.

Under Stalin in 1939, the Communists, then in league with Adolph Hitler, took Poland into camp. During the same period Russia laid claim to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and part of Finland. The scourge of the Third Reich had cast the western world into a state of shock, and it watched without seeing as Stalin traded upon the sum of unprecedented human misery to serve the Communist end.

During World War II the Soviets temporarily lost some of their gains in Eastern Europe, but had them restored immediately upon war's end. In 1946 the Communist acquisition of Eastern Europe continued with the seizure of the governments of Albania and Hungary; Romania and Bulgaria were taken the same year, and Tito threw in Yugoslavia.

1948 was the year Czechoslovakia was officially proclaimed Communist, and in the fall of 1950 came the coup of forming the Communist satellite state of East Germany.

Spread of Oppression

Simultaneous with the post-war molding of Eastern Europe into the Iron Bloc, was the relentless stamping of the hammer and sickle over a large part of Asia; Mongolia in 1945, North Korea and Manchuria in 1948. Moa Tse-tung's Red Chinese horde during this time was crushing China and some 800,000 of its enemies in the process.

Chiang Kai-Shek didn't have sufficient arms and equipment to even offer token resistance to Mao's Russian-armed juggernaut.

In 1950-1953, the Korean war — still referred to, for some reason or other, as a "conflict" — came off with what is now referred to as a "stalemate." The stalemate allowed the Communists to retain the north half of Korea.

Red Chinese invaders captured Tibet in 1951.

Ho Chi Minh and Chou en-Lai were the gangsters who settled the musk of Communist rape over Indochina in the spring and summer of 1954. Remember Dien Bien Phu? You should. Like the Alamo; you should.

57 Days of Siege

A St. Cyr trained general, the remnants of his French army and a nurse defended Fortress Dien Bien Phu until the position was overrun by human waves of Ho's forces May 8, after 57 days of siege.

Christian de Castries was the French general's name.

The western world cried out in anguish for the beleaguered French forces. Newspapers and radio networks around the world played the dramatic, futile last stand for all it was worth. The nurse's name was Genevive de Galard Terraube.

It was a great story, an epic; and the world cried out, but nothing happened. Dien Bien Phu and the fat half of Indochina went to the Communists.

And then in Eastern Europe in 1956 — less than five years ago — something else happened which also seems to be on the back bench of western memory.

Proud Neck Broken

Hungary tried to explode the yoke of Communism from around her calloused, bent, but not broken neck. This event has since come to be known as the "Hungarian Revolt." The people of Hungary desperately wanted it to be an all-out war. To the Hungarians it must have indeed been all-out war, for normally man is not inclined to throw his body against the iron of a Russian tank. But there were people in Hungary who actually did this thing; because they had run out of other things to throw at the tanks.

Again the world cried out in anguish—this time for the Hungarians. In western diplomatic circles the "revolt" was described as "premature" and "unfortunate." And the world cried out, but nothing happened . . . except that one man sent a load of drugs, and everyone got pro-Hungarian. (Except the Hungarians.) They were smashed. The proud neck was broken.

It is important we remember these things because they represent in a large part what Communism is.

Communism has no God, no compassion, no conscience. The Communists' only god is Communism. There can be no such thing as a marriage of convenience, as Khrushchev puts it, between what our country stands for and Communism.

Facing the Facts

It is the height of delusion to assume the United States is not threatened by the Communist world . . . from within, from without, from whatever direction she can be attacked.

Why would she not be? Can we forget, or ignore, what has happened in other parts of the world? Why would we be exempt?

Most distressing, perhaps, is that many of us obey the natural inclination to look away from the horror of some of the world's most recent history . . . hiding our head in a pillow, living in a fool's paradise . . . hoping against hope that Communism won't happen here like it did in Indochina, in Korea, in Hungary.

But the horror of Hungary could happen here. Should we sit by our televisions and let the Communists win the U.S. and the rest of the world by default, could we expect some unique consideration from them because of our "superior culture," "great good sense" and courtesy under duress? Could we expect some kind of "better treatment" from our conqueror because we didn't put up a ruckus?

We could not.

But a surprising number of persons will disagree.

(Next: A many headed monster.)

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Wolf Point, Montana

POST OFFICE BOX 947
TELEPHONES 580-W, 580-R

May 2, 1961

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

If an item in one of our area's papers is correct, a repres ntative of the F. B. I. is going into trouble spots of our country to allay the uncalled-for fears of Communism infiltrating into the church.

If it is true that such a representative is speaking in various areas of our land, would it be possible for him to come to us here, where there is a veritable "hot-bed" of "John Birchers" and kindred groups.

We are not concerned in fomenting trouble, but in giving support to our ascertions that the Church of Jesus Christ is loyal to our Government, and that the distrust being created is only an aid to the enemy seeking to divide and conquer from within.

Respectfully yours

[redacted]

(This is a personal inquiry.)

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Wolf Point, Montana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 2, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I do wish I could give you a favorable reply, I regret I am unable to accede to your desire that I designate a Bureau representative to visit your area for the purpose of speaking on communism. It is not possible for us to accept as many commitments of this type as we would like because of the heavy pressure of official business. I am sorry this cannot be arranged but am sure you will understand my position.

I am enclosing some material relating to the problem of communism which you may like to read. Some of these items contain suggestions as to methods all of us can use in opposing subversive influences.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Has Reason Gone Underground?

Campus Agitators Play Into Soviet Strategy

SIXTH IN A SERIES

By LOU LINLEY

Exploitation of nuclear war fears and disarmament of the West are the key points of Soviet strategy in subverting America.

The Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, along with the FBI, have illustrated this position repeatedly and in great detail for both the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In recent years in this country, bands of students and intellectuals, whether unwittingly or not, have been helping spread this type of Red propaganda. With increasing fervor, they have espoused "banning the bomb" and disarmament.

The question of subversive intent in these activities has yet to be resolved, but certainly they coincide, in many instances, with the Communist line.

These groups, by nature of their membership, are active on college campuses. Individuals who comprise these groups most often consider themselves liberals.

The Independent Students Union in Los Angeles, one of the more well known of the liberal organizations, is headed by Franklin Alexander, a 19-year-old card carrying Communist.

Slate, a student organization on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley, constantly pumps for halting of nuclear testing and, under the leadership of 18-year-old Douglas Wachter (Northern California delegate to the 17th National Convention of the Communist party in December of 1959), was active in the organization of student protests during the HCUA hearings, May, 1960, in San Francisco.

The cry for an end to nuclear testing and disarmament — unilateral if necessary — can be heard from across the Atlantic, too.

It is precisely the position of England's peace marchers who each weekend make quite a ruckus as they stride along behind their messiah, Philip Toynbee, carrying Bertrand Russell on their shoulders. These people have been dubbed the "neutralists."

The neutralists believe the Russians already have the upper hand and should therefore not be antagonized lest they push buttons and destroy us all; therefore nuclear

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testing by the West should stop at once, our arms thrown down and "some kind" of "truce" quickly worked out with the Soviets.

In the Midwest the most prevalent campus organization active in these agitation areas is the Progressive Student League.

The Western Montana Scientists' Committee for Radiation Information, organized within recent months on the campus of Montana State University, carries certain of the earmarks of an agitating force.

The group's avowed purpose is to present information on radioactivity to the public.

In this respect the Western Montana Scientists' Committee may indeed serve a very real need. There is little doubt that safeguarding the peoples of the earth against the harmful effects of radiation, in this and future generations, poses a very real problem.

Keeping the public current on the amount of radioactive particles in the atmosphere and updating the layman's knowledge in this area is of vital importance.

The activity of the Western Montana Scientists' Committee for Radiation Information, however, seems to extend beyond the bounds of passing on radiation information.

The committee on radiation has assumed more the character of a political action group.

The committee position on nuclear testing is that it should stop.

Civil Defense is one of the group's biggest targets. Committee members have campaigned long and hard to bog local CD effort, as numerous western Montana PTA members will attest.

An officer of the Committee is currently writing a series of articles for People's Voice, ultra left wing newspaper published weekly in Helena, which will reportedly "cover the waterfront" from radioactive fallout, through the effects of nuclear war and finally into the area of Civil Defense.

The second article in People's Voice describes the horror of nuclear war. The "ultimate catastrophe," as it is called, makes shambles of CD plans, or virtually any plan for survival.

This contention is fallacious in that obviously both West and East are committed to an arms race. The risk of nuclear war is undeniable. However, it does not follow that the West should make no effort to plan to defend itself the best way it can in the event of nuclear war.

A well conceived home defense might indeed be considered a deterrent in this age of nuclear risk.

The Western Montana Scientists' Committee for Radiation Information apparently would have us throw down our arms and defenses and be totally at the mercy of our enemies. Next: About the neutralists.

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Has Reason Gone Underground?

For the West . . . Two Choices In an Uncertain Age

LAST OF A SERIES OF EIGHT ARTICLES

By LOU LINLEY

The Communist aim is not to rule the world; it is to destroy it.

The present day world to the Communists is a false world, devoid of any good, deserving of total rejection. The "true reality" for the Communists will arrive only with the triumph of communism over the planet.

Gerhart Niemeyer* quotes from Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago:

". . . . (they) aren't at home in anything except change and turmoil . . . for them transitional periods, worlds in the making, are an end in themselves. They aren't trained for anything else, they don't know anything except that. And do you know why these never ending preparations are so futile? It's because these men haven't any real capacities, they are incompetent. Man is born to live, not to prepare for life. Life itself, the phenomenon of life, is so breathtakingly serious! So why substitute this childish harlequinade of immature fantasies . . . ?"

Culture Fading Fast

Pasternak died several months ago and with him one more vestige of Russia's national life. There are few men remaining in Russia who can still draw upon what was once one of the world's ranking cultures, or who still maintain even the thinnest tie with the free world.

Free expression of ideas has become a thing of the past in the Soviet dogmatized world, and spread into the West, here, too, must we expect the snuffing out of reason and truth.

The neutralists argue that an arms race will lead to total world destruction and that the alternative to an arms race is simply that the Communists will possibly extend somewhat their rule in the world . . . and even should they do so the imposition of communism would likely be of only short duration, imposing upon us certain unpleasantness and inconvenience for a time.

What the neutralists fail to take into account is that the structure of social order once disintegrated, does not come back. They contrast "race suicide" with "continued existence of mankind."

What kind of existence is left after man has knowingly and publicly betrayed his deepest convictions in return for bodily safety? There is no way in which man could more surely break his backbone forever.

Two Alternatives

Niemeyer boils the decision for the West down to two alternatives, risk and betrayal.

Communism is on the march, no

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longer just in the distant East; it's 90 miles off our shore; it approaches from north, south, east and west . . . everywhere it is militantly destroying, confusing, building chaos.

An arms race between Communism and the free world has blossomed into an all-out, concerted effort for both sides. The Communists are not anxious to see nuclear war develop. They are no more eager to be destroyed than are we. The balance in destruction capacity has so far worked in the prevention of mass destruction. The West's striking back capabilities constitute the only deterrent force which can honestly be judged a successful factor in the prevention thus far of a nuclear war.

Unlike Communist rule, no statesman is so far committed to nuclear war. Communism IS here, however.

War Not Inevitable

A decision to continue the arms race rather than submit to Communist rule does not imply a choice for war. Obviously it does imply risk. We must accept the fact the worst might indeed eventually come to worst; but it's possible too that it won't.

In accepting the Communist drive as the inevitable process of world revolution and preparing to submit to it, is assenting to a present evil to possibly avoid a future one.

We conclude with Niemeyer the choice is indeed between risk and betrayal, the lesser evil of these is risk.

Next: Concluding editorial.

*Footnote: Prof. Niemeyer was born in Germany and took a degree in political science at Cambridge, a degree in political philosophy at Munich, and in 1930, an international law degree at Kiel. Until 1950, he was with the U.S. State Department.

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The Birch Society's Latest Project

The John Birch Society's announcement Thursday that it plans to compile and publish a list of prominent Americans it regards as being Communist sympathizers raises some fascinating questions about the methods and direction of this odd organization.

An article in the society's publication asked members of the still-secret organization to help build up "the most complete and most accurate files in America on the leading com-simps, Socialists and liberals." (A "com-simp," in the language of this right-wing cult, is a Communist sympathizer.)

Publication of these lists would involve some difficult legal problems for the Birch parkers. One of the chief of these is that the society could be sued for libel by any citizen it implies is a Communist.

Under American libel law, it is libel per se or libel "on the face of it" to accuse anyone of being a Communist. This means that the plaintiff does not need to prove that he was damaged by the allegation; damages are presumed. All he needs to show is that he was accused by the defendant, either outright or by implication, of being a Communist.

The Birch Society apparently does not intend to accuse prominent Americans of direct Communist affiliation in many instances (though one cannot be sure of this since it was wild enough to accuse former President Eisenhower and Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren of being tools of the Communists). More likely the society will continue to blur its distinctions to a degree denoting political paranoia and will dump all "com-simps, Socialists and liberals" into the Communist pot indiscriminately.

This failure to discern even the broadest distinguishing features in the opposition's bitterly quarreling camps will not help the Birch society, however. In law as in public opinion, it runs even graver risks in proportion to its inability to see any differences between Communists, socialists and liberals. If the fanatics of the far right publicly hang the Communist label on a professed liberal, for example, because they honestly or stupidly cannot tell the difference, that would not help them in a libel case. The law of the land presumes that accusers will make at least a reasonable effort to distinguish between truth and falsehood before they besmirch the reputations of fellow citizens.

The society's inability to draw distinctions is characteristic and troubling in other than legal respects. Perhaps this failure to distinguish is the key to one of the most puzzling aspects of the extreme right's political philosophy. Realistic observers of this world in war and turmoil have marveled that America's extreme right has so overemphasized the danger from the relatively tiny Communist party in the United States and has so under-emphasized the threat from the armed, organized, marching Communist conspiracy abroad. The rightist extreme, for example, has seriously suggested that the United States is in danger of being overthrown from within by a handful of Commies already under close and constant surveillance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Yet, the same extremists have suggested that the United States should abandon its leadership of the free world's struggle against the global Communist imperialism, revoke the income tax which permits this nation to arm itself and help its allies, withdraw from the United Nations and thereby forfeit the leadership of that potent force against Communist aggression, and generally retreat behind its own borders to await the final strike.

Perhaps there is a twisted logic in this strange outlook, however, if the rightists really believe that Communists, socialists and liberals (as defined by the extremists)

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are identical. There are few Communists in the U.S., according to FBI reports. Not many real socialists of the Norman Thomas school still cling to the old creeds. But there are millions of Americans who fancy themselves liberals. If the rightists count them as Communists, too, it perhaps explains why they expect an overthrow of the government any day now.

Ordinary citizens should refresh their memories about some of the basic definitions involved here before the name-calling resumes in earnest.

A Communist may be distinguished by many philosophical outcroppings, but one ideological core is basic. A Communist is dedicated to the theory that the means of production in a society must be owned by the people in common, and that control of this goods-producing property must be wrested by violence and revolution from the private owners. Furthermore, says the Communist, control must be maintained strictly by a dictatorship of the working class, and political freedoms of speech, press and religion must be stifled as ruthlessly as necessary to maintain the supremacy of the dictatorship.

A socialist agrees in theory that the means of production should be publicly owned (or perhaps strictly regulated in some cases). But the socialist insists that this must be accomplished gradually by democratic means — the free vote of the people. Private owners should receive just compensation for their property, the socialists say, and political freedoms must be kept inviolate. The socialists maintain, incidentally, that they are hated much more violently by the Communists than the capitalists are.

The "liberal" is a rather vague and formless animal at this juncture of world affairs. The liberal movement in Western politics has tended toward a rather belated support of economic objectives originally introduced by the socialists. But the main emphasis of liberalism recently has been, not upon economic dogma at all, but upon political rights and liberties. The liberal traditionally champions the right of individuals to speak, write, worship and vote as they please without regard to race, creed or color. He also may favor a mildly leftist economic doctrine, and often does — but the distinctions here are not as vital in modern liberalism as they were in the days when *laissez faire* capitalism was a reality and not merely a diluted memory in the Western world.

At any rate, the distinctions are sharp enough in a general way so that any citizen with third-grade training or better should be able to discern the tragic absurdity of any Birch Society effort to compile one list of "com-simps, Socialists and liberals."

If they really want to expose some of the threats to democratic freedoms, these misguided souls should begin with publishing a list of their own members. Americans who presume to hang labels upon their fellow citizens by public proclamation should start, at the very least, by identifying themselves. — B. J.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 7-20-61

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: The John Birch Society
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On 7-19-61 PSI [redacted] advised she is in receipt of a postcard from the [redacted] County Democratic Women's organization advising that on theevening of [redacted] in [redacted] there will be a public meeting at which the "Truth about the John Birch Society" will be discussed by a Professor Charles Dillon.

PSI states she plans to attend this meeting to see what is discussed, who else might talk, etc. She states she will be able to provide a written report.

Suggested: File as indicated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Butte

DATE: 7/31/61

FROM : SA J. Mason Melvin

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SUBJECT: John Birch Society
Impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren
Info. Concerning

On 7/31/61, [redacted] appeared at the Bozeman, Mont. RA and advised that although she and her husband are not members of the John Birch Society, they have been attending meetings in Bozeman put on by Montanans for Better Citizenship, in which a Montana State College student, [redacted] is also active. [redacted] has a petitition for the impeachment and removal of Chief Justice Earl Warren, and [redacted] wondered if the signing of the petition might be of benefit to the country. She said that as citizens, she and her husband want to take a stand against Communism, and she was seeking advise as to whether it wouldbe a good idea to sign the petition.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding organization, not a policy-making organization; that, the FBI makes no appraisals of organizations and individuals, and that SA Melvin cannot offer any suggestions or recommendations as to her course of action with regard to the petition. It was pointed out to [redacted] that the FBI position is well-stated in Director Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit", and she said she had read it, and that the foregoing was the answer she expected, and she understands the reason for the position.

Action: Route SA [redacted] for info.

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TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 10/7/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Attached hereto is a written report as prepared by PSI [redacted] concerning the meeting sponsored by the [redacted] County Democractic Women's Club at [redacted] Montana, on [redacted] PSI has been delayed in preparing this report due to lack of time in preparing her notes. Report furnished 9/29/61, and is filed as [redacted]

She advises the meeting was addressed by CHARLES DILLON. The following names should be indexed as pertinent to this meeting:

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She stated that [redacted] made a lot of sweeping statements while waiving papers in his hands, but he rarely identified these papers and although he asked many pointed questions intimating he would answer them later, he never did.

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Right-Wingers Gain Corporate Anonymity

Articles of incorporation were filed in Secretary of State Frank Murray's office yesterday giving birth to Information, Inc. of Sidney.

Corporate status reduces to a minimum the individual liability of the incorporators. For example, chances are almost nil of successfully suing the stockholders of an incorporated newspaper, even though a definite libel had been committed in the editorial or news columns of the paper.

Listed as sponsors of the John Birch front are Donavan N. Berg, Russell G. Mercer, John A. Knoop, Math J. Dasinger, Kay Adams and Kenneth Wattier.

Mrs. Adams is editor of the VIGILANT CITIZEN. Dasinger Montana co-ordinator for the John Birch Society, was area campaign manager for Gov. Donald Nutter in 1960.

County Attorney V. G. Koch performed the notary public chore.

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Montana Charter Is Issued To Sidney Organization Publishing Vigilant Citizen

A Montana charter was issued Thursday to Information, Inc., a nonprofit Sidney group which since April has published a paper known as the Vigilant Citizen.

The six incorporators include Math J. Dasinger, a volunteer coordinator for the John Birch Society in Montana, who says the paper has no connection with the society.

Articles of incorporation filed with Secretary of State Frank Murray list the other incorporators as Donavan N. Berg, Russell G. Mercer, John A. Knoop, Kay Adams and Kenneth Wattier, all of Sidney.

Knoop is a member of the Montana Board of Public Welfare.

Dasinger, contacted by telephone at his cleaning firm in Sidney, told The Associated Press the Vigilant Citizen "just reprints conservative articles from other papers."

He said the paper was started because the group of Sidney residents was "unable to get the local paper to publish certain articles."

Dasinger said about 800 copies of the first issue were printed. In all, five editions have been published and the latest press run was 15,000 copies, he said. The distribution is entirely within Montana.

Asked if this was a Birch Society publication, he said, "No, the society has no publication in Montana. The society's only publication is a monthly bulletin out of Massachusetts."

He said the Vigilant Citizen is published "strictly to get information to the people" and is financed by contributions and advertising.

"We are just a group trying to get some of this material in people's hands—material that general newspaper don't carry much of. We are trying to promote conservative thinking."

Dasinger did say that the Birch Society now has a paid co-ordinator in Montana. He identified him as Bob Beauclair of Great Falls. Dasinger said his own volunteer activities with the society are primarily in eastern Montana.

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Bob Kennedy Raps Birch Society As 'Dangerous'

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI)— Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy said Wednesday he has no sympathy with right-wing groups, defeatists and those who would rather be "Red than dead."

Kennedy rapped the John Birch Society, the National Indignation Convention and other right-wing organizations as "a tremendous danger" to the United States.

He told a press conference that such groups are doing nothing to combat the principal danger of communism. Kennedy said espionage by Iron Curtain country diplomats in the United States is the major threat, not the Communist party.

"There is a tremendous danger in any group that seeks to undermine confidence in our government. The only Communist the John Birchers have uncovered," he added jokingly, "is former President Eisenhower."

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[redacted]
Court House
Sidney, Montana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated November 8, 1961, has been received.

The motives prompting your writing me are appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations. The information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files, and your offer to be of aid is gratifying. Enclosed is material on the subject of communism you may wish to read.

If you have reason to believe that the personal safety of your family is endangered, you should make this fact known immediately to your local law enforcement authorities.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sirs:

We need help, and we need it badly! You have no doubt heard of our Montana Governor. I am writing from [redacted] where it seems this situation has "erupted" with such alarming speed and proportion. The John Birch Society, self-styled "defenders" of Americanism are really taking over. They have disrupted churches, are presently working on the schools, and now are arming themselves "in defense of their Communist neighbors and friends." It is alarming and frightening to not know when you may be shot down because you have not knuckled down to one of these people. [redacted] He had never attended meetings or shown any interest in the work of [redacted] before. so was not qualified to go. The current officers did not want to live themselves up for the Society anyway, so that gave them an excuse. However, he has kept on since to have all the propaganda, which they got into resolutions at Convention, printed under the Post Auspices in the local paper. This [redacted] & the editor have refused to do. Now their wives, who have refused to join the Auxiliary before, have requested, and received, membership in it. [redacted] It seems this meeting in Denver prescribing the need of organizing Guerilla bonds, must be the motivating force behind the "arming" movement this week. Is it legal or lawful for these people to simply obtain a permit to carry a gun and proceed to go about armed; and to decide who needs shooting & when? Can't something be done to stop all this before innocent people suffer for the radical ideas these people seem to have on being patriotic Americans?

The class of these people speaks for them. They have never contributed in any way to the good of the Community. They have never been good church members until recently. Now each [redacted] belongs to a different church, and try to influence the clergy & members in their ideas on Communism etc. They are not well educated, and are people who are easily led and become very radical in speech and action. It seems that lately since Gov. Nutter has been so outspoken in some of his views and ideas, that they have gained much confidence. and are more outspoken in their accusations etc. In fact, it seems as though "things"

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are rapidly approaching a climax, and I hope that you see fit to investigate and take action soon.

I am [redacted] and for many reasons I'd just as soon my name was not made public in this matter, but my family, many of them, live here and if I can be of any service in clearing up this situation I shall be glad to do so.

Thank you for your prompt, effective action, I am,

Most Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BUTTE DATE: 12-5-61

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 6:30 p.m., December 5, 1961, a man giving the name [redacted] Phone PArkway 8-3257, Darby, Montana, called the Butte Office.

He asked if that a check of the following books and phamplets could be made to determine if they have any bearing on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:

What's Happening to Our Schools,
America Future Inc.
New Rochille, New York

Plan Patriotism
Everett E. Cooke

Americas History Was My Undoing
Dorzella Cross Doyle

A Citizens Manual for Public Schools
Mortimer Smith

The Freedom Program
Published in Texas

The Textbook Study 1958 to 1959
National Defense Committe
National Security Committe
Daughters of the Revolution

[redacted] stated this information is needed to disband a curriculum study group sponsored by the P.T.A. in Darby. He stated there is definite proof that two members of this study group are JOHN BIRCH members and possibly a third person is also a member.

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[redacted] stated that if these books and phamplets are in accordance with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, if it is possible, he would like a letter sent to him advising him as such.

He stated he wanted to use this information at a School Board Meeting, Monday night, December 11, 1961.

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400 Thornton Building
Butte, Montana
December 6, 1961

[redacted]
Darby, Montana

Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge your telephone call on the evening of December 5, 1961, to this office, and the interest which prompted you to call is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise you that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

W. W. BROMELL
Special Agent in Charge

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Our Readers Speak

Says 'Something Is Rotten Several Thousand Miles West of Denmark'

Bircher Questions Prayer Decision

Dear Sir:

The John Birch Society has been repeatedly condemned because we want to bring about the impeachment of Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Many people have scoffed at the idea that the court is ignoring the Constitution they have sworn to uphold. For the benefit of those people who have not read the Constitution in reference to the recent school prayer decision, I will point out some very pertinent points to be considered.

The Constitution of the United States gives the federal government absolutely no rights or duties with regard to public education. Article X of the Amendments plainly states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

Article 1 of the Bill of Rights begins: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting free exercise thereof. . . ."

I hope that every person who reads this letter will take the time to study the Constitution and try to convince himself that the court is justified in this decision. I don't believe you'll find evidence to convince you.

What is it going to take before the American people wake up to the fact that something is rotten several thousand miles west of Denmark?

~~MATH DASINGER~~
Sidney
A member of the John Birch Society and more convinced than ever that Earl Warren should be impeached.

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Page 4 The Montana Standard-Post

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Routing the John Birchers

It is easy to stand off in the distance and cheer on those who are engaged in the good fight. It's quite another matter to be an on-the-ground leader of such a fight.

One of the principal reasons why the extreme Right Wing in the Sidney area, after getting up a full head of steam a little over a year ago has been quiet of late, is that a professional man became alarmed at the twisted version of Americanism they were promoting and decided to do something about it.

Dr. C. O. Watkins and his supporters didn't come through the campaign unscratched, but, when the smoke had cleared away, the situation was well in hand and the little crew of fanatics which had kept the area in ferment for many months was sorely wounded.

Dr. Watkins' courageous offensive did not go unnoticed. The first week of July he was honored by being requested to speak before the National Education Association convention in Denver. He did, and we publicly extend our thanks to Roscoe Fleming of the DENVER POST for having made available the text of the Sidney Doctor's address. It follows.—HLB

* * *

Dr. C. O. Watkins, Sidney, Montana

What our community has undergone for the past three years has been a large dose of revolutionary strategy and tactics used by very skilled people, connected with the so-called Right Wing. This revolutionary pressure has been used against our civic and veteran organizations, our churches, our schools, our libraries, and our farm organizations, as well as against individuals. Highly trained professionals have been used both in advisory, as well as training, capacities.

The source of these professionals date back to the Thirties when, according to the FBI, there were 80,000 card-carrying Communists in the United States but only about 10,000 today. That means that there are 70,000 ex-Communists in the United States today, most of whom are probably as good a citizen as you and I. However, there are a few in this group who were trained in revolutionary strategy and tactics and used as organizers by the Communists.

Even as ex-Communists, they have great skill in organizing along revolutionary lines. They are, therefore, a very dangerous element in our country. We must bear in mind that every skill, which we ascribe to the Communists, applies equally to the ex-Communists, for they have received the same training.

We must also remember that revolutionary strategy and tactics can be employed by any group to which such skill is available, and that, even more important, these methods have but one use—namely to destroy the established institutions of government.

When the Right Wing was organized in our community, it was a pilot operation, begun quite some time before it spread to other areas. One of the first on our local scene was the ex-Communist, Helen Woods Birnie. According to her autobiography, she was not only trained by the Communists but she worked under their direction for many years. During the Thirties she helped organize Montana for them. Then she was transferred to the central part of the United States where she continued her organization work among church groups until, as she claims, she broke with the Communists.

SUPREME COURT, THE FIRST TARGET

One of the first programs she instituted was against the Supreme Court of the United States. I have never heard such an attack on any institution of government as the one she made against the Court. No doubt she had made a similar attack many times while she was working as a Communist on the Scottsboro case. The only difference was that she was now speaking as an ex-Communist and accusing the Court, by inference of course, of being communistic.

Later, I heard her give similar speeches directed against our schools, our churches, and many other groups.

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Page 3 The People's Voice

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After this particular tirade against the court, a friend of mine said, "That is the first time I ever knew that the Justices of the Supreme Court were also Communists." When I reminded this lady that Mrs. Birnie had not said that they were, she replied "You are pretty naive if you did not know what she meant."

As time passed, Mrs. Birnie spoke to civic organizations, veterans' clubs, church groups, and wherever else her Right Wing sponsors in our community could get her in. Our local Right Wing leaders were also learning her methods and doing some of the speaking themselves.

Before long the local leaders began bringing in films and tapes which were played for the same groups. These films and tapes followed the same pattern of professing love for our country while downgrading its government, but they were much more casual and subtle than the talks I had heard. Although Mrs. Birnie had not gone over very well on Main Street, these films and tapes were often taken quite seriously. Their approach was much more professional; they amounted to brain-washing at its best.

EXPERIENCED REVOLUTIONARY

About this time a state Right Wing organization meeting was called in Sidney, and Jock Kornfeder, an ex-Communist of greater stature, was flown in for the meeting. Mr. Kornfeder told me that he had belonged to two revolutionary movements in Europe before coming to America. After joining the Communist party in this country, he was sent to the Lenin School in Moscow where he received one year of Marxist indoctrination and two years training in revolutionary strategy and tactics. Then he returned to the United States and became a member of the top committee for organizing the United States.

Also on the platform at this organization meeting besides these professed ex-Communists were two Right Wing leaders from the west end of the state and the two local leaders. One of the latter (Vic Overcash—PV) later became the head of the Birch Society in Montana, and the other became the head organizer of Indignation rallies in our state. In the audience were right wing leaders from three states equipped with tape recorders to make recordings of the meetings for use in their areas. Naturally, the ex-Communists did most of the talking, and ironically enough, Montana was organized with the committee system, such as the Communists use.

By this time the tensions of a heavy revolutionary atmosphere had developed throughout our community, the same as you would find wherever such tactics have been used. Since this was still a pilot operation, we had not then even heard of the John Birch Society, nor had we heard of other such activities anywhere else in the United States.

PART OF A PATTERN—NOT JUST LOCAL

A few months after the John Birch Society was organized and its rapid growth was filling the papers, I became very concerned. Until that time I had regarded the situation as purely local. At first I attended the meetings to learn more about the menace Communism, which I had been studying for some fourteen years.

What I learned was not what I had anticipated, for I saw demonstrated in actual practice the very revolutionary methods that I had only read about before and saw proof of their effectiveness on a much broader front than I had believed possible from what I had read. When I realized the full implications of what could happen unless it were stopped, I began to study the situation.

My first move, however, was not a studied one. It occurred after I had listened to an out-of-state speaker at our Kiwanis Club who gave a talk which, from all indications, had been taken from the film, "Communism on the Map". In it he told about the worldwide gains of Communism and the extent of its control of countries today who are ostensibly our allies. By insinuation he blamed our government for blundering and bringing about this situation.

After his talk I told him I did not enjoy the downgrading of our government by anyone and that if he had been a Nazi or a Communist, he could not have more thoroughly downgraded our government. I added that I would defend publicly any blunder which he inferred our government had made and that I would also include our many victories over Communism. I told him further that my sense of loyalty to our government and his were not the same.

SERVICE CLUBS DUPED

Shortly after this, our Kiwanis Club, together with four other organizations, was duped into sponsoring an Indignation rally against United States policy in Yugoslavia. I protested this and sought permission to speak for ten minutes at this rally as a citizen in defense of our government. My request was granted. My friends wanted to publish my speech in the local paper so I agreed. I then wrote a second article; in fact, I wrote three articles in all for publication by my friends, but the publication of only the one article in addition to my speech was all it took to quiet things down. Since then we have had a nearly normal atmosphere in our community except for continued rightest pressure on the library board.

The decided change in our community climate was clearly shown at a recent election of a school board member, when the Right Wing candidate received only 167 votes compared to 837 for his opponent.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has called the Communists "Masters of Deceit". Perhaps 90% of those that joined the Communist movement during the Thirties were deceived into joining. We must remember that the ex-Communists now so active in the Right Wing have the same training and same skills they have always used, but I believe that the success of their deception is even higher in the Right Wing than it was in the Communist movement. Therefore, most of those who are victims of the Birchers today will again be loyal citizens tomorrow once the strategy by which they have been deceived is exposed.

Tomorrow we will have the Right Wing ex-party member, fellow traveler, front organization, and all the other categories that we have connected with the Communist Party, and all of them will have been victims of the same deceptive methods.

The only counter method to use in dealing with revolutionary strategy and tactics is that of exposure of their methods. This is the most successful strategy we have used against the Communists, and it is the method we must use against the John Birchers and their Right Wing counterparts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 9/24/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

AT BOISE, IDAHO

On September 24, 1962, [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] has for a number of years been interested in studying Communism and together with several prominent local citizens has organized ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ a number of groups which have studied Communism and its threat to the American way of life.

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About fourteen or fifteen months ago [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] had previously practiced medicine in Hollywood or Los Angeles, California. He professed a great interest the study groups and [redacted] had a great amount of literature on the evils of communism and a number of films and tape recordings. [redacted] noted, however, that he was an avid follower of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY "line" and suspected that he might be organizing local groups of the society. Since [redacted] came to Boise a number of individuals who were formerly members of study groups have told [redacted] that they had joined the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [redacted] ~~the~~ is sure that an individual named [redacted] is a member and active in the Society. [redacted] is also a moving factor in a local organization known as the [redacted] and is its chairman. He and [redacted] were close friends after meeting. [redacted] said that she is sure that [redacted] and [redacted] have hurt the study club movement by preaching the ultr-conservative Society approach. [redacted] no longer contacts [redacted]

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About the first of August, 1962, [redacted] suddenly announced that he was leaving Boise and might settle in Montana. [redacted] said he and his wife left without saying goodbye. She noted that Day Realty had listed the [redacted] home for sale.

On September 24, 1962, [redacted] Day Realty, 710 Vista Avenue, advised that [redacted] is presently residing at [redacted] Montana.

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ANTI COMMUNIST GROUP LIVINGSTON, MONTANA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 12/7/62, [redacted] Montana, telephonically contacted the Billings RA. She stated that [redacted] whom she refused to identify, was receiving communist literature from an unknown guild on the West Coast. She further stated that [redacted] was talking against the United States and that [redacted] attitude was causing family arguments. An appointment was made to talk with [redacted]

On 12/11/62, [redacted] stated that [redacted] Montana, had been receiving anti communist literature from an unknown guild on the West Coast. This literature contained information against the United Nations and also lists of persons who are allegedly communists and what television and radio programs to watch. The literature also contained information concerning what manufacturers are allegedly communists. As a result of this information, [redacted] has been frequently questioning the loyalty of various officials of the U.S. Government, and this has led to family arguments. She advised that [redacted] has been attending meetings in [redacted] Montana, with other persons receiving this literature. She has no additional knowledge concerning these meetings. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] had also received some of this literature. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and other members of the group in [redacted] were currently engaged in writing letters to various Government officials in Washington, D.C., but she does not know the subject matter of the letters.

ACTION: File. Suggest a copy be routed to SA [redacted] for information.

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John Birch Society Leader To Speak in Boise Feb. 19

Robert Welch, leader of the John Birch Society, will deliver a public address in Boise Feb. 19.

Welch, whose orations on the menace of communism have drawn capacity audiences throughout the nation, will speak at Boise High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Treasure Valley Freedom Forum Association. His topic will be "Through All the Days to Be."

The association said the Welch appearance would be one more in its continuing program of offering Idaho audiences competent speakers on the menace of communism and other subjects.

Welch's renown as a speaker and his reputation as a fighter for liberty has attracted nationwide attention, the association reported. His appearance here will give the people an opportunity to hear his message and judge for themselves. The program will begin at 8 p.m.. There will be an admission charge of 99 cents.

Welch was born in 1899 on a North Carolina farm. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, U.S. Naval Academy, and Harvard Law School. He is married and has two sons. In addition to directing the John Birch Society, Welch publishes "American Opinion," a monthly news magazine. He has written several books, one of the best known being "The Life of John Birch."

"Welch gave up most of his business activities in 1957 to devote full time to the anti-Communist cause. He believes the only thing Communists fear is public awareness of their methods and the progress of the Communist criminal conspiracy. He puts together clear but separate facts about the Communist advance so their significance becomes more apparent. He is trying to alert Americans to the imminence of the horrors and dangers they face," a spokesman said.

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Treasure Valley Freedom Forum Presents

Mr. Robert Welch

Lecture Subject

"THROUGH ALL THE DAYS TO BE"

Hear the founder of the John Birch Society of America present his views and opinions on the Communist menace

Boise High School Auditorium

Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 9 P. M.

Admission $1.00

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Welch Says Reds 'Scared' War Would End System

Russia is "scared to death" of a third World War because it would be the signal for simultaneous revolts throughout the world which would defeat it, a leader of the John Birch Society declared in Boise Tuesday night.

Robert Welch, the speaker, advanced the theory of simultaneous revolt during a two-hour lecture titled "Through All the Days to Be" as he spoke in Boise High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Treasure Valley Freedom Forum Association.

Explains Revolt Theory

The audience which heard him filled the entire lower floor of the auditorium and part of the balcony. He was introduced by Art Harms of the Freedom Forum "as a bearer of bad news and therefore always unpopular."

Welch departed from the prepared text of his speech to explain the theory of simultaneous revolt.

"The Communists," he declared, "start up little revolts to sap the resistance of any group which might be able to start a big one. A good example of this is the erzatz revolt in Poland in 1956. The Soviets lured a growing resistance to communism out of hiding and destroyed it. The idea is to divide and keep conquered.

"This is just one of a dozen reasons why the threat of a shooting war is completely phony."

Cites Amorality Concern

In the first part of his speech Welch said the John Birch Society is vitally concerned about the "increasing lack of morality in all human conduct" and the disaster of man's "flight to amorality."

"There are forces of evil battling with the forces of good, within each individual and within the whole human race, for the ultimate fate of all mankind," he exclaimed.

Welch said what is really at stake today, "overshadowing all lesser gains and losses" is the "very nature of human life and the very purpose of man through all the days to be."

At this point Welch turned to the specifics of communism.

Cites Principal of Reversal

He said the main aggressive concept of communism is called, for lack of a better phrase, the Principal of Reversal.

"This concept is not just a part or an element of Communist strategy," he continued, "but is Communist strategy."

To illustrate, Welch defined "the much overworked Communist phrase 'anti-colonialism'" as merely a Communist process of taking over nations by convincing enough people in them that colonialism is exploiting them.

"Their real purpose," he continued, "is exactly the opposite at all times: to supplant the beneficient and generally helpful colonialism of the civilized western European nations—such as the United States in the Philippines—with an infinitely more oppressive, harsh, and exploitative and tyrannical 'colonialism' of the world-wide Communist dominion.

"The Soviet Empire has gone on busily and successfully establishing itself as the greatest and the most tyrannical 'colonial' power of all time by its unending and always bitter campaign against colonialism," Welch added.

Welch supplemented this example with two others.

He said in 1954 the most important thing in the world to the Communists was to destroy Sen. Joe McCarthy.

The technique of reversal was used, he maintained, when those who favored McCarthy eventually came to say "I like what McCarthy is trying to do but I can't stand his methods."

Welch said "these tactics were used also during Sen. Robert A. Taft's bid for the presidency when the Communist-inspired idea that 'I like Taft . . . but he can't win' became a popular sentiment with the voters."

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Idaho Daily Statesman

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LOCAL LEADERS of the Treasure Valley Freedom Forum were on hand Tuesday afternoon to greet Robert Welch, center, leader of the John Birch Society, upon his arrival at Municipal Airport from Salt Lake City. From left are John McKenna, member of the Freedom Forum, Kurt R. Leibhardt, assistant vice chairman; Welch, Diana Leibhardt, also a member, and Arthur Harms, Boise, chairman of the Forum.

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BIRCH AIDE CITES GAIN IN MONTANA

Members Hold State Office, Society Organizer Says

By WALLACE TURNER
Special to The New York Times

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 30—The John Birch Society in Montana is becoming much stronger and includes both elected and appointed officers of the state government, a leader of the society said here in an interview.

Victor G. Overcash, who is coordinator of John Birch Society efforts in Montana, Wyoming and eastern Idaho, said that the organization had grown considerably since January, 1962, when he became the chief organizer. He did not identify the officeholders or give the numbers of those he included in his statement.

Mr. Overcash, who operates a small hotel at East Glacier, said he had not been a member of the society prior to taking on his present job.

"Several of their members came to me and asked if I would take the job," he said. He had been active in Republican politics, but had never held elective office.

Things are looking up for the Birch Society in Wyoming, he said, but the growth has been slower there than in Montana. He returned recently from a three-week organizing trip in Wyoming, and expects to pay his first official call soon on cities in the eastern part of Idaho.

Mr. Overcash said that he tried to arrange in advance for a presentation meeting to be attended by about 20 people who would hear him describe the society. The opening up of new territories is one of the major problems, he said.

The Freedom Fighters and the Anti-Communist Study Club are of great value to his work, Mr. Overcash said.

"They indoctrinate 'em to the point where I can take 'em over," he explained.

In Mr. Overcash's conversation, there were indications that there was a growing desire within the Birch Society to drop some of the secrecy from some of its functions.

He was most frank, for example, in listing spokesmen in various towns in Montana and Wyoming who could be expected to explain the Birch Society view on public issues.

"Our organization is not far enough along yet in Idaho for me to be able to identify people for you there," he said.

Mr. Overcash said he knew of no Birch Society members who held office in the slate governmenfs of Wyoming and Idaho.

He disputed the view that the Birch Society was responsible for the growth of conservative votes in Wyoming, although he thought it might have contributed in Montana.

"The people of Wyoming have always been conservative and they're just swinging back," he said. He also denied that there had been any organized Birch Society effort thus far to unseat Senator Gale W. McGee next year.

Mr. McGee, a Democrat elected in 1958, has said in Washington and on frequent trips to Wyoming, that an upsurge of conservatism led by the John Birch Society threatened to defeat him next year.

"He will be taken care of, I think," said Mr. Overcash of Mr. McGee. "But I don't think we can take any credit for it."

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John Birch Meet Slated On June 25

By Tribune Correspondent

CUT BANK — The behind-the-scenes John Birch Society will hold an open meeting June 25 at the Legion Hall here to inform the public of the workings and beliefs of the group.

An official of the society said the meeting probably will be the first of a series that is being sponsored by the Cut Bank Chapter of the society.

An advertisement in a Cut Bank paper Tuesday said the purpose of the meeting is to give a "talking" knowledge of the society, and to give the public a chance to learn the truth about the "much maligned" group.

Reliable sources said the meeting probably will be conducted by Vic Overcash, East Glacier, organizer for the society in Montana, Wyoming, and eastern Idaho. Overcash, a former Cut Bank resident and veteran of two World Wars, is a past state commander of the American Legion. He is presently on a tour of Idaho.

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Birchers' Use of Legion Hall No Endorsement, Officials Say

The proposed use of an American Legion hall, a public meeting place, in Cut Bank by the John Birch Society does not constitute an endorsement of the group, state Legion officials pointed out Friday.

"The American Legion has never taken a stand on the John Birch Society, no more than it has on such groups as the Masons, Knights of Columbus or the Democrat or Republican parties," said E. J. Callaghan of Helena, Legion commander in Montana, and Chester K. Shore, also of Helena, state adjutant of the veterans group.

A Cut Bank Legionnaire, Dr. C. H. Minette, dentist and former state legislator, questioned use of the veterans' hall in Cut Bank by the John Birch group. He said the meeting might give the impression there was a relationship between the Legion and the Birch Society.

Callaghan and Shore said, "We do not control how they handle local halls. It's entirely up to the post. Legion Hall in Cut Bank also is a community hall."

There were reports the meeting would be held in a larger hall. The public session is called for June 25.

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Legion Denies Affiliation With Birchers

Montana American Legion officials Thursday said the proposed use of a Legion Hall in Cut Bank for a John Birch Society meeting should not be construed as meaning Legion endorsement of the conservative group.

"The American Legion has never taken a stand on the John Birch Society, no more than it has on such groups as the Masons, Knights of Columbus, or the Republican and Democratic parties," said E. J. Callaghan of Helena, Legion commander in Montana, and Chester K. Shore of Helena, state adjutant of the veterans group. Their statement came amid reports that the meeting site would be changed to a larger hall in Cut Bank.

Use of the Cut Bank hall by the Birch Society was questioned Wednesday by a Cut Bank Legionnaire, Dr. C. H. Minette. The Cut Bank dentist and former state legislator said the meeting might give the impression there was a relationship between the Legion and the Birch Society.

How About Hall?

"I don't think the American Legion should be blamed for renting its hall in Cut Bank anymore than the state of Montana should be blamed when the Montana Bar Association brings in the controversial Gordon D. Hall to speak in the Capitol," Callaghan said.

"We don't control how they handle local halls," said Shore and Callaghan. "It's entirely up to the post. That's what makes it embarrassing. Legion Hall in Cut Bank is also a community hall."

The Birch Society meeting is scheduled for June 25.

However, Victor Overcash of East Glacier, co-ordinator for the group in Montana and parts of Wyoming and Idaho, said the meeting may be changed to another larger hall because publicity on the meeting has increased the expected attendance.

Overcash said the meeting would be open to the public. He is a former state commander of the Legion.

Time to Clear Air

Minette expressed his concern in letters to the Legion officials in Helena and also in Washington, D.C.

"If there is no such relationship (between the society and the Legion) I believe this announced meeting would be the opportune time for the Legion, nationally and in the state, to make a strong and definite statement at once and certainly prior to the meeting June 25," Minette said.

Shore and Callaghan pointed out that Democratic, Republican and Farmers Union groups have held meetings in local Legion halls—many of which are also community halls.

Both said Overcash was not speaking for the Legion. They said the American Legion is against any organization that is not for true Americanism. "We're after communists and have been since 1910."

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Public Birch Society Meeting Arouses Crowd in Cut Bank

CUT BANK (AP)—A 27-minute novie, a half-hour talk and a two-our question and answer period ailed to satisfy a critical, over-low crowd Tuesday night in Cut ank, at the first public meeting 1 Montana of the John Birch Soiety.

More than 200 people crowded ito the American Legion hall to ear Victor Overcash, East Glaier, a co-ordinator for the conroversial and extremely conservtive society. He and Seldon Frisy, Cut Bank, moderator for the uestion-answer period, refused answer some of the questions.

The biggest audience response ame when Fred Barrett, Custer, ate Democratic chairman, sked Overcash to name a memer of the Montana Legislature hat Overcash has said was a iember of the Communist par-.

A number of people in the rowd shouted out "Name him, ame him."

Overcash refused and also delined to list any public record here any lawmaker was listed s a Communist.

In response to another question om the floor, Overcash said the merican Legion had purged at ast one Communist out of a Iontana legion post. Again he reised to name the man or elaborate on how it was discovered that he was a Communist.

Dr. C. H. Minette, Cut Bank, who criticized the use of the Legion hall by the society earlier, asked to make a statement but was not allowed to do so.

He instead, framed his statement in the form of a question. Nearly every question asked was of a critical nature. It was not until after the question-answer period had run for more than 90 minutes that an apparently pro-Birch question was asked.

Nearly all of the Birch doctrine and activity was covered in the question-answer period. This included Birch charges that former President Eisenhower was a dupe of the Communists, society attempts to oust U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, the society "Cuba Free in '63" program, and the group's opposition to income taxes and social security.

At one point, Overcash said all freedom riders were graduates of a Communist school in Tennessee, now inactive.

Overcash was asked if anyone could join.

"We have a selective society," Overcash replied. "We get the people we like and there are no elections at any level."

He was asked about the controls of the society.

"We're not attempting to promote political democracy, just social democracy," Overcash explained. "We don't believe social democracy is a fraud but the John Birch Society is not attempting to promote a political fraud."

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Repu[redacted]can Administration, John Birch[redacted]s on Same Wave Length

Dr. Joe F[redacted] Helena, Democratic Activities Co-ordinator, attended the [redacted] Society's open meeting "premiere" in Cutbank last week. His astute observations, as an historian and political scientist, draw clearly the close fellowship existing between the Montana GOP's leadership and the Birchers, and why Montana's Republican leadership, unlike that at the national level (particularly in the U. S. Senate), has failed to denounce or in anyway disown the totalitarian philosophy the extreme right-wing is seeking to saddle upon the United States. —HLB.

By DR. JOE KELLY, Co-ordinator of Montana Democratic Activities

The other evening I had occasion to participate in an open meeting of the John Birch Society in Cut Bank. It was an amazing experience. From Vic Overcash, co-ordinator of the Birch Society in Montana and Wyoming, came nothing either new or unexpected. From the film clip of Robert Welch, the same was true.

The meat of the evening came from the question and answer period. It is upon this portion of the evening that I would like to dwell in some detail.

Overcash, in his role as "patriot for profit", said over and over again that the John Birch Society was not a secret organization. While doing so, he stated several times that the membership lists could not be divulged, that members' names were not open to the public and similar statements in answer to questions that had anything to do with intimate knowledge of the Society, its aims, goals and organization.

He refused to name the members of the John Birch Society who were, in his words to a New York TIMES reporter, holding elected and appointed positions in Montana's state government. He declined also to name any Democrat who is, at the same time, a member of the Birch Society. In a most telling exchange between Fred Barrett, Democratic State Chairman, and Overcash, Overcash refused to name the Democratic legislator who, in his words, was a Communist and served with Mr. Barrett in the State Legislature.

There were several college students in attendance, who to this day remain unknown to me, who asked questions that were significant in content and very well phrased and drawn. Overcash, at no time, came to grips with these fine, inquiring minds.

OVERCASH, EVASIVE, INCOHERENT

One young man asked a question that goes to the heart of the basis of the free and open society. He asked whether or not Robert Welch and the Birch Society were not taking unto themselves the right to be final arbiter on patriotism, economic and social orthodoxy and even of customs and morality. Overcash's reply was evasive and bordered on incoherency, as was the case whenever he was con-

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fronted with a question of some significance.

The young student—Overcash unquestionably feels the student was a victim of liberal professors and thereby, by virtue of the Birch mentality, proves conclusively the theory that educators are dupes of the Communists—would not be assuaged and repeated the question. Overcash's rejoinder was that he had never found Robert Welch to be wrong, so he would continue to accept his analysis of the state of the world and those persons in that world.

The key to the appeal of the lunacy that is the John Birch Society may well lie here. Overcash's motivation may be the money and prestige that is his only if he is in the vanguard of those few elect who will protect the United States from perdition, whether in the form of Communists, dupes of the Communists, or misguided liberals, to use a phrase that he appeared to relish. Those who know Overcash argue that these factors—prestige and money—explain a good deal of his motivation.

However, this doesn't explain those who follow and form the membership that Overcash co-ordinates in Montana and Wyoming. The membership gains neither status nor money. It does receive something however, much more substantial—security in a world full of chaos and insecurity and the outlet for anxieties that stem in part from a world, political and personal, in which security has been lost in their view, because of liberal and democratic political policies and programs.

The America they must recapture is the America before the advent of such phenomena as the income tax, FDR, fluoridation, collectives (translated, organized labor, social security, co-operatives, and any farm group other than the Farm Bureau), NWACP, NATO, and, of course, the dread United Nations.

History teaches us that the insecure require a scapegoat. Vic Overcash and his mentor, now Robert Welch, once Senator Joseph McCarthy, provide those who hunger for scapegoats with a whole array of them.

In addition, the Society provides a sanctity and a podium enshrined by virtue of the qualifications and membership. Overcash told the assembled audience that not everyone is acceptable as a member. A person must, he repeated several times, be very religious and highly moral in order to qualify. Beyond this, he said, prospective members must recognize that the United States has forsaken the very values and ideas from which our greatness as a nation stemmed.

Rounding out this prototype of a qualified member, Overcash added that it was only this type of highly moral and religious person that could join the Society in their crusade to rid the United States of those persons, groups and ideas that have caused our moral, ethical and political decline.

An additional remark that to me was perhaps the most arrogant and contemptuous statement by Overcash during the evening was when he said that a Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Moslem who joined the Society would by virtue of that act become a better Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Moslem than he was before.

Only then, according to the Society's plan, can the rebuilding begin. The architects of the new society, of course, will be men like Robert Welch and Vic Overcash who, according to themselves, epitomize the moral and religious values that are in short supply today.

One felt that a real closed meeting of the Society would contain more specific charges of treason, immorality and conyampery than was displayed at Cut Bank. Overcash repeatedly observed that neither he nor the Society was in the business of finding individuals who were Communists. However, as one of the young students asked, with a great deal of insight, how could the John Birch Society function in its role to "rid and restore" our lost civilization if the word was not spread that this man, that political program, this political party, or that institution (the Supreme Court, for example) was Communist, Communist duped, or just misguided liberals, or just inspired by misguided liberalism, thereby opening the way for Communist takeover; and, of course, setting the stage for Welch and Overcash to heroically and without any rewards, save Americans in the process?

Of course, the answer is obvious. All those who disagree with the John Birch Society are ipso facto in one of the foregoing categories of treasonous activities.

The further question remains as to why the John Birch Society has been so well received in Montana. One partial answer that is striking is the affinity it has in its honor role of the damned, in terms of people, policies and programs, with the Republican leadership of the Nutter-Babcock era.

- The John Birch Society denounces the U.N. at every turn. The public record of the last two governors is most clear on this score.
- The Society claims that the federal government has usurped all power and prerogative to itself, and argues that if only states' rights would prevail, all would be well. The record of Nutter and Babcock clearly indorses this view.
- The Society has little use for organized labor and with constancy describes it as leftist-liberal. A review of Republican charges in the 1960 gubernatorial campaign will show the parallel continues.

Birch-lore has it that university professors are a threat to our way of life and the values upon which depend our greatness. The treatment accorded Dr. Roland R. Renne of MSC and Professor Morton Borden of MSU in no way distinguishes the viewpoint of the Society from that of the Republican leadership in Montana.

The list is too long and cumbersome to detail any farther, but their positions with respect to right-to-work, the role of the federal government, public power, and the entire range of U. S. foreign policy, past and present, illustrates the constant overlapping of Babcock's public philosophy with the philosophy of the Society.

It is not surprising that members of the Society would feel a kinship with the Nutter and Babcock administration. The evidence is overwhelming that the two have buttressed each other since 1960.

This is not to say that Babcock is a member. It is, however, to say that their agreement on a wide range of political and economic and social matters is one of the main reasons why the John Birch Society is flourishing in Montana and goes far to explain why it is that, while national Republican leaders have denounced the Society, no Montana Republican, official or private, has raised a voice against it.

The writer feels that when, and if, the John Birch Society comes out of the woodwork and into the open, the good sense of the people of Montana will cause it to wither and either die or move South to more fertile climates in Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Ultimately it and its fellow travelers of the radical right will become as a millstone around the neck of the Republican party in Montana.

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TO : SAC, EVANS (100-0) DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: Information Concerning [redacted] &

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On 9/27/63, [redacted] Boise Jr. College, Boise, Idaho, appeared at the Boise RA and furnished the following information:

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He is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He does not wish to accuse [redacted] of being a communist however [redacted] knows that he [redacted] is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and on 9/25/63 [redacted] made the comment, " well [redacted] I AM on the other side of the fence now". [redacted] states he believes [redacted] was referr ing to communism inasmuch as approximately two months ago [redacted] had refused to stand up for the passing of the American ~~flag~~ flag.

He advised [redacted] at Boise Jr. College also but does not know his address. Also that [redacted] had resided in Boise most of his life.

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At 11:20 P.M., this date, [redacted] Noxon, Montana telephonically contacted the Butte Office.

Subject wanted to know, if the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was a subversive organization.

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John Birch Society Officials Say Organization Not on 'Radical Right'

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By Bob Gilluly, Editor

Assertations that the John Birch Society cannot be categorized as being on the "radical right" keynoted talks by two JBS officials at a public meeting of the society Friday night at Legion Hall.

A duke's mixture of 200 souls in the audience heard the John Birch officials say the society's philosophy belongs somewhere in the middle of the political spectrum--not on the far right and certainly not on the left.

The society, commented volunteer coordinater Dr. Stanley Monteith of Santa Cruz, Calif., is composed of men and women "joined together to combat collectivism and amorality." He defined collectivism as all forms of government which deny freedom to individuals.

Dr. Monteith and Vic Overcash of East Glacier, Montana JBS coordinater, talked nearly two hours, defining the aims of the movement after first outlining their views of the Communist threat in the world. A generally skeptical audience then spent an hour questioning the Birch officials about specific JBS allegations and publications. If any conclusions were reached, they escaped this writer.

Monteith, who said he was an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Santa Cruz, conducted the lion's share of the program. Overcash commented briefly about communistic movements in Montana, but stressed he has spent 14 years "researching communism," not trying to "point the finger at anyone."

Both Monteith and Overcash emphasized the Birch Society does not concern itself with purely local issues. Its purpose is to fight the national and international communistic conspiracy, they said, and all Birch activities are directed from national headquarters in Belmont, Mass.

Overcash defended the society structure by saying it is a voluntary organization. The society's structure was described as "authoritarian" by one member of the audience imposing a question to Overcash.

Monteith described in detail why the society lays stress on a "republican" form of government and actually rejects the word, "democracy."

A democracy, the speaker said, consists of rule of the majority. "In this sense, a lynch mob is a democracy--since all but one person are unanimous in planning a course of action."

On the other hand, a republic is a form of government in which the people elect representatives to govern them--with corollary responsibility to govern wisely. This, Montieth said, is why the JBS advocates support of a republican form of American government rather than a simple democracy.

The officials repeated common JBS criticisms of the U. S. Supreme Court, the United Nations and the Eisenhower administration. At one point

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Monteith said Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren is "destroying the constitution."

The question-and-answer session was spiced by frequent outbursts from the audience and a generally critical viewpoint of the JBS founder and chief spokesman, Robert Welch. Considerable opposition was voiced against Welch's book of personal opinion, "The Politician." Monteith explained the publication is not considered an official organ of the society and that Welch's monthly bulletins seldom refer to opinions or allegations he published in "The Politician," which was on the market before the JBS was formally organized.

In answer to a question posed by Miles Romney, Monteith said the society does not contend either Presidents Eisenhower or Kennedy were fellow-travelers. Gilbert Jellison read lengthy statements from the JBS Blue Book which he felt implied that Eisenhower was amoral and/or a leftist. He asked Monteith to reconcile this with his previous statement about Eisenhower.

Monteith, answering this question and several others in similar manner, said the JBS does not subscribe to many statements in "The Politician." He did, however, attempt to document the same allegations with other published material.

Charles Dillon of Victor asked if the FBI isn't a competent authority to deal with the menace of communism. Monteith and Overcash said the FBI is not effective in prosecuting known agents because it is only an investigative agency with no power to actually bring court action against communists.

Overcash said there were 82 known communists in Montana in 1948, adding that no recent statistics are available for the state. "I haven't been concerned with identifying communists," he added. He described his 14 years of activity in the field as "research."

Included in the audience was a general cross-section of townspeople, as well as several faculty members and students from Montana State University.

Speak at JBS Meeting

Three officials of the John Birch Society pose after a three-hour public meeting in Hamilton Friday night. From left are Keith Nickerson, chairman of the combined valley chapters; Dr. Stan Monteith, volunteer coordinator from Santa Cruz, Calif., the main speaker, and Vic Overcash, of East Glacier, Montana JBS coordinator.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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GENTLEMEN:

I AM CORRESPONDING WITH YOU IN BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 47 HAMILTON, MONTANA AS [redacted] OF SAID POST. RECENTLY WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION. THIS HAS CREATED SOME PROBLEMS IN THAT WE HAVE BEEN CRITIZISED FOR ACCEPTING THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION. AS [redacted] OF THE [redacted] WE CAN SEE NO REASON WHY THE JOHN BIRCHERS SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO OUR ORGANIZATION.

MY QUESTION TO YOU IS THIS, HAS THEIR EVER BEEN ANYTHING IN THE RECORDS OF THE F.B.I. WHICH CAN BE PUBLISHED, WHICH COULD BE INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO US THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE JOHN BIRTH SOCIETY ARE ANYTHING BUT PATRIOTIC AMERICANS. ACCORDING TO THE CONSTTTUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, WE CAN REFUSE MEMBERSHIP TO THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THE FORCEFULL OVER THROW OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. OUR COMMITTEE NEEDS THIS INFORMATION SO THAT WE MAY CALM THE WILD TALKS THAT ARE FLOATING AROUND AT THIS TIME. WOULD APPRECIATE WHAT YOU CAN GIVE ME.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

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Hamilton, Montana.

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated February 11, 1964, has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. EVANS
Special Agent in Charge

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KENNEDY TARGET OF BIRCH WRITER

Article Says He Was Killed for Fumbling Red Plot

By PETER KIHSS

The current issue of the John Birch Society publication says that as long as there are Americans, President Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste."

A 16-page article also suggests the President's murder was arranged by "the Communist conspiracy" to prepare for "a domestic take-over" that was frustrated when the Dallas police caught and identified Lee H. Oswald, the alleged assassin.

The article was described as "superb commentary" by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., the ultra-rightist group's founder and editor of the monthly publication, American Opinion. The article appears under the signature of Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classics at the University of Illinois and a member of the Birch society's national commission.

President Kennedy, Professor Oliver writes, "procured his election by peddling boob-bait to the suckers." He says the President supported the Central Intelligence Agency in "a fake 'invasion' of Cuba designed to strengthen our mortal enemies there," and collaborated with Soviet Premier Khrushchev in a "phony 'embargo'" to provide a cover for transfer of Soviet troops and weapons to Cuba to use against the United States.

Further, Professor Oliver contends, President Kennedy arranged to subvert and sabotage the nation's defenses. He adds:

"And if the international vermin succeed in completing their occupation of our country, Americans will remember Kennedy while they live, and will curse him as they face the firing squads or toil in a brutish degradation that leaves no hope for anything but a speedy death."

Professor Oliver says Oswald was trained in a "school for international criminals" in the Soviet Union, and brought back here "in open violation of American law, by our Communist-dominated State Department."

He offers an unconfirmed story that Oswald was arrested as a suspect in the attempted shooting of former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker but was assertedly "released through the personal intervention of Robert F. Kennedy," the Attorney General.

President Kennedy, Professor Oliver's article contends, did much for "the Communist conspiracy," but was falling behind a scheduled date for the "effective capture of the United States" in 1963, and was "rapidly becoming a political liability."

To bolster a theory for a suggested "take-over" after the President's death, Professor Oliver cites immediate outcries against "right-wing extremists," and says preparations seem to have been made for "rioting and murder throughout the country."

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Every vote for
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A Nail For The Coffin Of The American Republic

A recent president of the American Bar Association has solemnly declared: "The proposed extension of federal executive and administrative control over business, industry, individual citizens and the states by the package of legislation called 'The Civil Rights Act of 1963' exceeds the sum total of all such extensions by all decisions of the Supreme Court and all Acts of Congress from 1787 to June 19, 1963. When future generations look back through the eyes of history at this legislation they will recognize ten percent of 'civil rights' and ninety percent extension of raw federal power."

The results of this legislation would be enormous suffering by, and oppression of, both our white citizens and our Negro citizens alike; and such turmoil, rioting, bitterness and chaos as benefits only the Communists—or a federal government drunk with its drive for power. Labor unions for instance would find a federal bureaucrat with power to destroy union security. Neither competance nor experience is the key for employment under this bill. Race is the principle criterion. Employers could be forced to actively recruit employees of a specified race and upgrade them into skilled classifications, displacing present union members. For a free copy of a brief analysis of this legislation by highest legal authority, write to Co-ordinating Committee For Fundamental American Freedoms, Suite 520, 301 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. See also the U. S. News & World Report article entitled "Civil Rights & Civil Wrongs" in the Feb. 17 issue. For a full understanding of the background, forces, and purposes behind this legislation, send one dollar for The Civil Rights Packet to American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts.

In the meantime, the last bulwark against this Act is the hard pressed opposition within the United States Senate. If you oppose this "Civil Rights Act of 1963," make your protest known, emphatically and immediately, by telegrams and letters, not only to your own Senators but to as many other Senators as you can. The address in every case is simply Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

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TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 2/20/64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO CONCERNING

Re newspaper clipping from "Montana Standard," 2/17/64.

[redacted] Butte, Montana, advised on 2/20/64, that [redacted] operates a non-profit organization at that address known as "Information, Incorporated."

The 1962 City Directory indicates [redacted] reside at [redacted] Butte. [redacted] for the MONTANA POWER COMPANY.

For the information of Agent covering lead at Helena, Montana, the above newspaper ad indicates the person placing the ad is probably a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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AT HELENA, MONTANA

Check records of Secretary of State for any pertinent information concerning "Information, Incorporated."

CCO: Index [redacted] and "Information, Incorporated."

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Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is a copy of an article taken from the Communist's official west coast paper the Peoples World, commenting on a program presented on T.V. called the Defenders, which your company and the Allstate Insurance company sponser. I am writing both Companys so as to let you know what the Communists think of the program you are sponsering. If in doubt as to the authenticity of the clipping I would suggest you obtain the saturaday Febuary 8th, 1964 issue of the Peoples World and read for yourself.

Also I think you may be intrested in the following facts concerning the enclosed copy which I have underlined in certain applicable places:

1. Ernest Kinoy, you may recall, was questioned by the House Committee on un-american activities during the Hollywood investigations some years back. Mr. Kinoy repeatadly took the 5th ammendment.
2. You will see underlined the letters HUAC. This as written would mean "the house un-american activities committee". The actual title of the committee is HCUA, "the house committee on un-american activities"! The HUAC instead of the proper HCUA is a deliberate distortion by the Communists.

So you will see after reading this and the enclosed copy which side the Communists are on, and they have the gall to state "our" society at the end of the article.

I urge you to look into this and take whatever steps you feel needed to prevent any more pro-Communist views from appearing on a program you sponser.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

c.c.: President; Allstate Insurance Co.
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SPEAKER

Reed Benson

Benson To Talk In City Feb. 27

Reed Benson, son of former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, has scheduled two Idaho Falls appearances for Feb. 27.

Benson, presently the John Birch Society coordinator for Utah and Southeastern Idaho, will speak at a noon meeting of the Idaho Falls Junior Chamber of Commerce.

An evening appearance at the Idaho Falls High School Little Theater will be open to the public. Benson's subject will be, "Why I joined the John Birch Society."

Benson is a graduate of the Brigham Young University College of political science. He served three years as a foreign missionary for the LDS Church and also served as an Air Force chaplain during the Korean War.

Among Benson's political contacts have been personal discussions with world leaders, including Premier and Mrs. Krushchev and the editor of Izvestia, the official Communist Party newspaper.

Question and answer sessions will follow both of Benson's local appearances.

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TO : SAC BUTTE (ATTN: SA [redacted]

DATE: 2/28/64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

SM-JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 2/27/64 [redacted] was interviewed at her home and she advised that she is currently [redacted] She stated that a neighbor, [redacted] had tried to get her to accompany her to one ~~of the~~ meetings of an organization, name unknown, affiliated with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She refused, and since that time has received an anonymous, humerous note, which she considers to be harrassment. She said that [redacted] is no longer friendly and that efforts are being made by the JBS organization to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she was relating this information because ~~this~~ she is concerned with the threat posed by the JBS to the Nation. She stated that she lived in [redacted] in the 1930's and believes that the tactics employed by the BIRCH SOCIETY are similar to those of Hitler's.

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ESPOUSES BIRCH VIEWS

REED BENSON, John Birch Society coordinator for Utah and Southeastern Idaho, is explaining the movement in a talk to the Idaho Falls Jaycees at the Flamingo Thursday noon. Some 125 attended. About 1,400 were on hand to hear him speak at a public meeting at the Civic Auditorium Thursday night. (Post-Register Staff Photo)

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Birch Worker Blames Apathy For Red Gains

Why is the United States "losing" the cold war against the Communists?

Reed Benson, John Birch Society coordinator for Utah and Southeastern Idaho, Thursday night blamed it on apathy and said the Birch Society was formed to "wake Americans up to the fact that we can afford to sleep no longer."

Benson spoke to an audience of about 1,400 at the Civic Auditorium on "Why I Joined the John Birch Society."

In outlining the controversial Birch Society's principles and beliefs, Benson said that:

The society was not secret, as the "liberal press" has so often mis-reported.

—Robert Welch, former president of the American Manufacturers Assn. and founder of the Birch Society, does not necessarily believe that former President Dwight Eisenhower is a Communist.

—The society, although it has been labeled as a right wing extremist group, is really in the middle of the road on the political spectrum.

Conspiracy Of Silence

—The society and its members have been victims of a "conspiracy of silence by the Communist press and other liberal factions in news media.

—The LDS Church has never opposed the John Birch Society.

Benson said that his group, although it does not publish its membership lists, is by no means a "secret" organization.

"Anyone may join this society if he wishes," Benson said, "although the society does have the right to screen its members. We don't publish a membership list, but this in itself does not make us a secret society."

He pointed out that there are several organizations that don't publish membership lists, including most fraternal organizations and some political ones, such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

Benson said that Robert Welch, controversial founder of the "Birchers" has never stated flatly that ex-President Eisenhower was a communist "or even a dedicated agent of the communist party."

Welch, Benson contended, did make the statement in a private letter to a friend, saying that Eisenhower may have been a communist. But Welch also said Eisenhower may be "a naive or ignorant man, or perhaps just a politician," Benson explained.

Private Letter

Benson said the quote came from a private letter Welch had written to a friend. The letter, Benson said, detailed some of Eisenhower's dealings with the Reds before he was president.

Benson placed the Birch Society in the middle of the road on the political spectrum.

"At the extreme left of the spectrum you have those who believe in total government," Benson said. "At the extreme right are the anarchists. The Birch Society believes in a limited government and private property, much puts us in the middle of the road."

He said that the Birch Society, because of its fight against communism and socialism, was subjected to a "conspiracy of silence" by the press in its earlier days, but managed to grow anyway.

Vicious Attacks

"Finally the communists decided to meet the John Birch Society head-on," Benson said, "and now we are subject to vicious attacks in the daily press. What's more, the communists have labeled the Birch Society as the number one menace to communist takeover in the United States today."

Benson also said that the society is neither a political or religious organization, although they do try to recruit "religiously motivated people" to the cause.

He said that the LDS Church has never said it opposed the John Birch Society and that Church Pres. David O. Mackay, in the official church newspaper in Salt Lake City, labeled the society as a "fighter" against communism in America.

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NO INVESTIGATION

Harding Hurls Blast At John Birch Society

POCATELLO (AP) — Representative Ralph Harding told over 300 Democrats here Saturday night that the John Birch Society is no more to be taken lightly in America than the Nazi Party was in Germany.

His remarks, which drew a rousing response from those attending the statewide Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner here, and also the support of Sen. Frank Church of Idaho who said, "I endorse with spades everything that Rep. Harding has said about the John Birch Society."

The keynote speaker, Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin told the audience before delivering his prepared address, that "When I see a man with the courage to speak out as Congressman Harding has done, I want him in office regardless of the political party."

Sen. Nelson made no reference to the Birch Society.

"There were people in Germany in the early 1930s who wrote off Adolph Hitler and his Nazi party as a demented paper hanger followed by a group of radicals," Harding said.

Harding said Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, has called democracy "merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

Harding's topic, "Why I Did Not Join The John Birch Society," was a lampoon of the speech "Why I Joined The John Birch Society," frequently giv-

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Harding Blasts Birch Society

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en by Reed Benson, Utah-Idaho coordinator for the society.

Benson is the son of former agriculture secretary Ezra Taft Benson. The elder Benson, also a high ranking leader in the LDS Church, was the subject of letters written to Harding by former President Eisenhower, church leader Joseph Fielding Smith and Robert McKay, son of LDS president, David O. McKay.

The letters indicated displeasure with Benson's friendly relations with the highly controversial Birch Society.

The Idaho congressman said Saturday that Welch has called "Some of the greatest Americans of this generation Communists and has asked for an authoritarian government with himself at the head."

Harding called on Idaho citizens to fight Communism in a "sensible, realistic way through becoming active in one of the two great political parties." He also urged active participation in civic and service organizations.

"Participating in extreme organizations only results in bitterness, mistrust and frustration," Harding said "as well as a divided people at a time when we should be most united to fight Communism."

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Case was opened to identify members of John Birch Society for indexing purposes. Records of Secretary of State FRANK MURRAY, Capital Building, Helena, Montana, checked 3/2/64, indicate the following information:

Information, Incorporated, 702 - 2nd Avenue SE, Sidney, Montana, filed papers of incorporation 11/9/61, as a non-profit domestic corporation.

The principal purpose of the corporation was to engage in printing publications and circulating material for non-profit educational purposes.

Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

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Sidney;

JOHN A. KNOOP,
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Letters to the Editor

'Birch Society Trying To Save the U. S. from Reds'

To the editor: I would like to go on record in favor of the John Birch Society, and I think the public is entitled to know the facts in regard to it istead of the lies being heard on every side — including the press.

I am not a member of the organization, but I have read their publications and talked with some of the members — there is no local chapter that I know of.

First, I must emphasize that it is an organization of patriots whose sole purpose is to save the United States from a fate like that of Cuba, Hungary and all the rest that have been taken over by the Communists. There are many Communist sympathizers who wish to discredit it — they would like to create the impression that the John Birch Society members are crazy and are imagining the whole thing, and also that its founder, Robert Welch, is a dangerous maniac like Hitler who wants to become a dictator — or some such drivel. They would have us believe that the strange foreign policy carried on by our government is simply "policital strategy."

They Won't Listen

It is difficult for people to be calm and avoid getting somewhat hysterical when they see the whole Communist plot in its entirety. Others refuse to listen and believe it, and it gives one the feeling of being in a bus headed straight for a cliff. When you mention it to the rest of the passengers they ignore it, put you on the head, keep chatting about trivialities, and suggest that we all sing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Let us look at the record: Lenin died in 1924. But before he died he had laid down for his followers the strategy for this conquest. "First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack; it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

In the 35 years since, the Communists have never wavered from this plan one iota. They have used socialism as an ideological weapon. They have also used bribery, lies, bluff, brutality, treason, murder on a scale never before dreamed of in the world. Above all, they have used patience. A patient gradualism has been the most important key to the Communists' overwhelming success.

A Gradual Process

Over 20 years ago a high school history teacher remarked that at that time there were people who were saying that if America ever lost its freedom it would come about so gradually that the people would never know it happened until they would wake up one day and find they had lost their freedom.

This loss of freedom is what the big argument in regard to State's Rights vs. Central Government is all about. And the Communists apparently have infiltered into every government agency except the FBI, and directed skillfully and purposefully the situation we have today.

There is an old story that says you cannot kill a frog by dropping him in boiling water — he reacts so quickly to the sudden heat that he jumps out before he is hurt. If you will take that same frog and put him in cold water, and warm it up gradually, he never decides to jump until it is too late. But then he is cooked. And this is what we have seen transpire during the years; men being just as foolish as the frog who is put into cold water — men who have had their fundamental freedoms taken away from them by the Central Government; if you had attempted to take away all of these freedoms, all of these rights of the local government, if you please, overnight — you would have gotten into a violent revolution. But under the so-called liberal concept, we have seen these rights being taken away from the States gradually under the guise of security or peace or progress, and we may well be at the point where we could paralyze an entire generation. (Or worse.)

Not Dictatorial

All the John Birch Society wants is a return to Constitutional government. Mr. Welch does not dictate policies of the Society — as I understand it, he has a board that assists him. Their main purpose is merely to investigate and report on Communist activities to their members and possibly recommend some action that might be taken against them. On a local level it consists of study groups who study the information gathered and passed on to them; they exchange opinions and discuss new developments. Any action decided on is voluntary.

Whether an individual belongs to this anti-Communist society or not should cause no one any alarm. But whatever you do, vote those three liberal congressmen, Harding, White and Church out of office and replace them with some good conservative representation — and support Mr. Goldwater.

MRS. FRANK STODDARD
Salmon

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REED BENSON
- Birch Coordinator

Birch Leaders To Give Two Pocatello Talks

Reed Benson and John H. Rousselot, leaders in the John Birch Society will appear at meetings here in the next week.

Benson will speak Saturday night at 8 in the Pocatello High School auditorium. Rousselot will discuss civil rights Wednesday at noon before the Pocatello Lions Club.

Benson is Utah-Idaho coordinator for the Birch Society, and Rousselot, former California congressman, is western district governor for the society.

The Saturday meeting is open free to the public. Benson, son of Former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, will lecture on "Why I Joined the John Birch Society." He will answer questions afterward.

Rousselot will address the noon luncheon of the Lions.

A prepared release from the John Birch Society says it is Rousselot's contention "that communists plan to use civil rights legislation now under consideration in Congress to advance their own ends."

"The Communists," he has said, "have a long, clear record of using civil rights to bring about civil disorder, to pit

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American against American."

Rousselot contends it is the responsibility of local and state governments to protect the rights of citizens.

The Birch Society, considered a conservative organization, has been a controversial part of American politics for about the past five years.

It will be the first public appearence in Pocatello by a formal representative of the Society.

Benson was scheduled to appear here late last spring, but cancelled during the moratorium on politics immediately following the death of President Kennedy.

Rousselot's territory includes Idaho, California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona.

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Right-Wing Speaker Abandoned . . .

Where Were His Sponsors?--Nowhere; Whom Did He Represent?--No One

It was called a Town Hall meeting; it opened with a Town Crier, dressed in a kind of colonial costume with a yellow hat and a feather, who walked across the stage ringing a bell and declaring the meeting about to start.

The townspeople had gathered to hear Hilaire du Berrier who was invited into the Northwestern Montana lumbering community of Libby last week and subsequently was virtually abandoned in the tall timber when only a couple of youngsters would accept public responsibility for sponsoring his appearance.

The speaker told Lumber and Sawmill Worker's Union officials who questioned him at the meeting that he could not identify the people who sponsored him.

Lynn Keith, chairman of the meeting, and another young fellow, who said he was Jerry Neils, identified themselves as two sponsors. Keith said he was a member of the John Birch Society but that group had not sponsored the speaker; he said it was up to the others to speak for themselves.

LSW members kept coming back to the question of sponsorship and finally Keith said that apparently there were some people who could not stand on principle, and unless they wanted to identify themselves he wasn't going to reveal who they were.

DOUBLES AS CHAIRMAN OF GOLDWATER CLUB

Whoever brought the speaker to Libby had little pride of sponsorship. Only Jerry Neils, other than the chairman, admitted anything to do with the gathering. Neils, county chairman for the Goldwater for President Club, said he and his father had decided some time ago they should get a speaker of du Berrier's stature into Libby.

Gene Evans, who said he was a section leader for the John Birch Society, denied JBS sponsorship of du Berrier.

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Herbert M. Stout, press correspondent for Local 2581 Lumber and Sawmill Workers, reports "the majority of us left the meeting knowing less than before we went". He noted that after the audience had listened for at least an hour and a half to the speaker "while he ran down our country, our labor leaders and our national leaders we were accused of suppressing freedom of speech when we asked questions."

Someone in the audience asked du Berrier, "You have told us all the bad things in the world, are there any good things going on"? He hesitated, then replied, "Well there must be some good things happening, but for the life of me I can't think of them right now."

BLAMES LABOR FOR WORLD'S AILS

The speaker blamed organized labor for international trouble around the world. He said he was opposed to the United Nations, was against foreign aid and he attacked the Common Market.

The family of Henry Cabot Lodge came in for special condemnation, but the Lodge family has long been a subject for special treatment by du Berrier.

As early as 1962 he was critical of Henry Cabot Lodge, President Eisenhower's chief delegate to the United Nations. Du Berrier urged his readers at that time to "protest the Communist-appeasing policies of the State Department" by supporting an investigation of that agency. He regarded Arthur Goldberg, Lodge and his son, George, the State Department and CIA as accomplices.

In Libby he accused the Lodge family of "fronting for left wing organizations" ~~and having~~ spent millions of dollars while doing nothing but "living the life of Riley". He said Lodge "was a snob and fraud; that he was deceitful and pulled the wool over the people's eyes".

Du Berrier, born in North Dakota, has spent most of his time abroad since 1931, headquartering in Paris. He has acted as foreign correspondent for the John Birch Society magazine, AMERICAN OPINION, and has been listed on the American Opinion Speaker's Bureau roster. At the Libby meeting he told questioners he is not a member of the Society and only submitted material as a free lance writer.

According to reports of the meeting, du Berrier must have spoken in the same vein as he did in his book LABOR'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORK, or "How U. S. Labor Bosses Use Union Dues to Finance Socialist Revolts Abroad", which is the subtitle of the book.

The book, which holds labor responsible for all international problems, has an epilogue written by its publisher, Ken Courtney of the Conservative Society of America (who thinks Senator Goldwater "has been tainted by Socialism").

The epilogue states that "the revolutionary activities of the AFL-CIO have been condoned, and in some cases furthered, by both the Republican and the Democratic parties".

Lumber and Sawmill Workers were represented at the meeting by Ben Vaughn, president; William Shawl, business agent; Herbert M. Stout, Orton Vinson, Lovell Dutton, Al Sather, Hilmer Hansen and many other Union men of Local 2581, according to Stout.

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Waken to Menace, Says Benson Here

Reed Benson said here Saturday night that Americans must wake up to the menace of communism.

The Communists are banking [illegible] being so occupied that you won't come to the aid of your country," he said.

Benson spoke to some 500-600 persons in the Pocatello High School auditorium. He is the Utah-Idaho coordinator for the John Birch Society.

"They're counting on you not waking up in time, on not doing your homework," Benson said.

"I'm here," he said, "because our country is at war . . . We're not winning that war. We're losing it, and we've been losing it year after year. We're losing it to an enemy who is dedicated to our obliteration, an enemy who has the blood of 70 million people on his hands."

Benson said one of the reasons the war is being lost "is because of our ignorance of the enemy. Here we are dealing with a murderous conspiracy and we're not doing our homework."

Benson charged that the United States is "dealing with members of Murders, Incorporated, and still we say it can't happen here."

Recalling the visit of Fidel Castro before the Cuban leader announced he was a Communist, Benson said the country was told by "the liberal press" that Castro was not a communist. And Castro declared at a meeting of the National Press Club that he was not a communist.

"Then when it suited his purpose, Castro announced that he was one and had been all his life," Benson said.

Benson noted that although communists "have broken 51 of the last 53 treaties they've had

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with us," this country is trying to work out a disarmament program with the Soviet Union.

"Why don't we treat communists like communists instead of chasing them around the world trying to get them to sign treaties they'll break," he asked.

This kind of action, he said, is one of the reasons this country is losing the war with communism.

Another, he said, is treason in high places. Defining treason as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," Benson charged that the United States has sent "billions to communist nations."

"I call that treason," he said.

Benson said this country has friends in Europe, "but they're not quite sure what side our government is on."

The Birch Society feels that most Americans are loyal, but "it's the few who are strategically placed. Communists always take over by infiltrating high positions," he said.

He cited this country's insistence on forcing Moise Tshombe into a central Congolese government, its failure to support Hungarian revolutionists and its refusal to support an invasion of Cuba by Cubans as examples of the country's reluctance to press for victory against Communism.

There is treason in this country, "and we're not ferreting it out," he charged.

To change this situation, he said, Robert Welch called together 11 Americans in December, 1958, and for two days "spelled out the mess we're in." From that session came the John Birch Society.

Anyone is free to apply for membership, Benson said, but the organization reserves to itself the right to screen its members.

"We don't want any Alger Hisses," he said.

The society also reserves the right to drop members without stating reasons.

Chief among its programs, he said, is the society's effort to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. Information on this movement is contained in what the society calls its impeachment packet, which sells for $1. In it, the Supreme Court is called "an instrument of global Communism." Recent decisions of the court, he said, have been most heartening to Communists.

The invocation for the meeting was given by J. O. Anderson, patriarch of the North Pocatello LDS Stake; Bill Woodland led the pledge of allegiance to the flag; Carl Belnap led the singing of "America," and the benediction was by Boyd Henderson. Benson was introduced by Ferrol Barlow.

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Birch Society Official Dates Public Speech in Boise Today

The western district governor of the John Birch Society will address a public meeting at the Boise High School auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

John H. Rousselot, a former California congressman, will speak on the subject "Civil Rights—Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause."

His appearance is sponsored by the Treasure Valley Freedom Forum.

Lloyd Cook, Fredom Forum spokesman, said that Rousselot will address the Boise Kiwanis Club at its meeting Monday.

Cook said that Rousselot will argue that Communists plan to use civil rights legislation, now under debate in the U.S. Senate to advance their own ends.

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Birch Leader To Speak Here

Larry Abraham, volunteer coordinator for the John Birch Society, will speak in Billings April 23 on "The 'New Liberal,' Mouthpiece for Collectivism."

Abraham served as executive secretary of the Washington State Federation of Young Republican Clubs until August of 1963. Since his break with the Young Republicans, he has lectured to groups from the inmates at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary to colleges throughout Washington State.

Exact time and place of his Billings lecture has not been set.

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The Billings Gazette

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 2-28-64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: Hillaire DuBerrier
"Town Meeting on National Affairs"
Info. Concerning

On 2-27-64 Sheriff Robert Jackey, Libby, Montana, advised he has learned one Hillaire DuBerrier is to be a speaker in Libby on 3-16-64 on a program entitled "Town Meeting on National Affairs". He stated the meeting is sponsored by the American Legion post in Libby but some people have asked Jackey to try to find out if DuBerrier is an "extremist" of one kind or another.

I informed Jackey that the FBI makes no comment on any such speaker and such lack of comment is not to be construed that we do or do not have any information on this person. I suggested to Jackey that they might find out where this man has spoken before and make inquiry there as to what type of speech he gives. The literature he puts out describes him only as an experienced corespondent and world-wide traveller.

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Correspondent's Lecture Causes Controversy Among His Listeners

A question and answer period allowing a talk by a "Town Meeting" lecturer Monday evening provided the forum for a spirited debate.

The speaker was Hillaire du Berrier, billed as a foreign correspondent from Paris, France. Preceding his appearance here, officers of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union had critized du Berrier in a broadcast over Radio KLCB, charging him with being a John Birch Society member and a member of the irresponsible reactionary fringe.

In opening his talk, du Berrier denied membership in the John Birch Society. He said that he is a foreign correspondent in Paris where he publishes an intelligence report for American subscribers. "Newspapers are not bringing the facts to the American people," du Berrier said as he claimed that his report is intended to keep his readers informed about international affairs.

The speaker admitted that he has written for American Opinion Magazine of which Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, is the editor. Du Berrier claimed, however, that he has no staff position with American Opinion and that he submits his material to that magazine on a free lance basis.

Du Berrier aroused the ire of the local union leaders with charges that some American trade union officials have gone abroad to stir up trouble in underdeveloped countries. He also charged that America has alienated its allies throughout the world by meddling in internal affairs of other nations.

Du Berrier viewed France's recognition of Red China as an indication that President De Gaulle is moving his nation into the Communist sphere of influence.

Communist parties of the world are now split into two factions, du Berrier said, Russian and Chinese. The Russian group has discarded the theory that revolution is only possible by violence. The Russians believe they can achieve their ends by relatively peaceful means at the polls. The Chinese Reds, however, hold to the theory that war is necessary.

Du Berrier was highly critical of Henry Cabot Lodge and his family. The Lodges, he said, have not faithfully served the interests of the United States.

Labor officials at the meeting asked du Berrier to identify his sponsors, to which the speaker replied that he was not acquainted with them.

Lynn Keith, of Bull Lake, who acted as master of ceremonies, identified himself as one of the sponsors and said he was a member of the John Birch society but that the group was not sponsoring the speaker.

Gene Evans of Libby, took the floor to say he is section leader for the John Birch Society in Lincoln and Flathead counties and that the organization was not sponsoring du Berrier.

Lengthy discussions followed about the rights of free speech with both sides asserting their support of these guarantees.

Democratic Groups Make Statement

The Lincoln County Democratic Men's and Women's Clubs met in joint session Sunday to review the background of Hillaire du Berrier, who spoke here Monday.

As a result of the meeting, the Democratic groups made this statement concerning the speaker:

"We the members of the Lincoln County Women's Democratic Club and Men's Democratic Club take this occasion to express our serious concern that under the guise of a public service responsible citizens of our community would, without disclosure of the basic orientation or ideological purpose, sponsor a man who is correspondent for American Opinion, the official publication of the John Birch society—edited by Robert Welch—and the magazine in which a recent article vilified the memory of the late President Kennedy. The speaker is further known to be a correspondent and editorial writer for several extremist publications of organizations which have been exposed by national magazines such as Look and Life as belonging to the 'lunatic fringe.' We believe this unqualified sponsorship of such a speaker is an insult and gross disservice to the intelligence and well-being of our community."

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Birch Official To Speak Here

A former California Congressman and an official of the John Birch Society will speak in Idaho Falls Wednesday at the O. E. Bell Junior High auditorium, according to Dr. Byron Weeks, chairman of the local Committee for the Preservation of the American Republic, the sponsoring organization.

The title of the speech, which will be given by John H. Rousselot, is "Civil Rights—Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause."

Rousselot has supervised the activities of the Society in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona since Jan. 1, 1963.

Tickets will be on sale at local business firms yet to be announced, Weeks said. A press interview has been arranged for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Flamingo.

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Reference is made to the corespondence with [redacted] [redacted] Mont. On this date [redacted] was located at the home of [redacted] Montana. She advised as follows:

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She and her husband have lived inthe [redacted] area for about fifteen years. Her husband is employed by the [redacted]

About a year and half ago a man and wife, [redacted] [redacted] moved into the area and bought a small house near [redacted] [redacted] have three small children. [redacted] has worked for [redacted] and has also sold cars for the [redacted] in [redacted]

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[redacted] stated she is extremely suspicious of [redacted] She stated he is constantly talking "politics" of the extreme right-wing variety. He claims he originally came from [redacted] but more recently has lived and worked in [redacted] [redacted] originally contacted [redacted] as the local Republican Party committeewoman. [redacted] seemed very intelligent and well read on almost any subject, but it soon became obvious that he was always talking about "combatting communism". He seemed to have literature of a violent anti-communistic nature which he was constantlypassing out. His wife too seemed to always be intersted in distributing such literature. [redacted] has consistently denied any membership in the John Birch Society but some of his close friends have openly admitted membership in the JBS. [redacted] has passed out literature of Congressmen Utt and Ruselo, both of California, and both of whom are reputedly JBS members.

[redacted] sources hve told her that [redacted] has a large short wave radio in his home; these sources do not know if it is a transmitter-receiver or only a receiver. At any rate, [redacted] is reported to have told [redacted] that he can "get" California and Arizona on his set but noone has ever seen or heard him use it. The set is also reported to have been seen by [redacted] [redacted]

When he first came to the area [redacted] was accompanied by one [redacted] [redacted] was reportedly an [redacted] [redacted] before coming to [redacted] worked for a short period of time as a [redacted] at the [redacted] but after about six momths in the area he left stating he was returning to [redacted]

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Another couple, [redacted] have also come into the area from [redacted] and are apparantly good friends of the [redacted] They are not nearly as voiciverous as the [redacted] is believed tonow work for the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that one of the things that arouses her suspicions most about [redacted] is his ability to "talk to people". He seems to have a knack of discussing politics without any trouble and can ask very personal questions without any apparant embarassment. [redacted] says she is very uneasy around [redacted] as he gives her an impression of "suppressed violence".

At one time she heard that [redacted] asked a local woman, [redacted] to "spy" on [redacted] so they could know his movements and contacts.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is apparantly interested in firearms and shooting, however he has not given any indication of accumulating any amount of firearms or ammunition. When he first came into the area he contacted one [redacted] who lives in the [redacted] area and who does some amateur gunsmithing. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was a "phoney" who talked a lot but didn't know much about firearms. Another contact of [redacted] is reported to have openly stated he is a John Birch Society member; [redacted] is also an avid gun enthusiast.

[redacted] apparantly has contact with two groups. The one in the [redacted] area composed of [redacted] The other is at [redacted] Mont., and appears to be led by [redacted] of [redacted]

These two groupe, according to [redacted] are obviously ardently anti-Communistic in nature, pass out a lot of literature and are believed to be the John Birch Society members of the area.

[redacted] states that [redacted] is reportedly a close associate also of [redacted] of [redacted] At a recent public Meeting [redacted] publicly announced that he is the [redacted] County cordinator for the John Birch Society. [redacted] stated there is a rumor that [redacted] true name is [redacted] and he was formerly a western-type radio entertainer [redacted]

[redacted] describes these persons as:

[redacted] White, Male, 30-35 years, 6'2", 190 lbs., dark brown hair, brown eyes, [redacted] says he went to [redacted]

[redacted] White, female, 30-35 years, 5'4", 120 lbs., slender, dark brown hair, brown eyes.

[redacted] advised she will try to learn more of thebackground and current activities of the [redacted]

Suggested: Open 62- case, with letters from [redacted] to this file. Writer is directing letter to [redacted] for any information in files of that office re these people. CC also being designated for general John Birch Society File.

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Gordon Hall Tells Hamilton Audience . . .

JBS Members, In Reality, Are 'Terribly Frightened People'

By DICK PATTISON, Great Falls, Exec. Secy., CITIZENS REDEDICATED

HAMILTON—If the people of America would hold public meetings, write letters to the editor and in other ways expose the extremist movement for what it is—people who have lost faith in our American system—we would all be a lot better off.

This was the prescription of Gordon Hall, Boston, nationally known foe of extremist groups of both the left and right. Speaking at a public meeting sponsored by members of both political parties in the Bitterroot Valley, Hall outlined the difference between true liberals and conservatives, then unloaded on those outside these true political movements.

Brought to the Bitterroot to offset the burgeoning growth of the John Birch Society, Hall aimed most of his talk at that group and its members.

"Individualists, let us unite collectively and go forth," might well be the slogan of the John Birch Society, Hall said, in a talk spiced with humor at the expense of the Society.

Hall noted that Robert Welch, founder of JBS, rules with dictatorial power yet the Society claims to be an outgrowth of individualism and conservatism.

RECALLS "FUEHRER SYSTEM" OF NAZI GERMANY

Scoffing at this claim, Hall pointed out the society in fact adheres to the fuehrer system familiar in Nazi Germany.

Hall also aimed some criticism at what he called the apathetic middle—those good Americans who fail to take a proper interest in government, voting every four years and paying no attention to politics during the interim.

Hall outlined the use of "fronts" by the John Birch Society and other extremist groups as a means of implementing a program without being directly traceable to the extremists. This is designed to give the program more "respectability" than if the parent organization promoted it.

Hall had praise for the press of Ravalli county and said it is a fine thing "when the press takes on the task of informing people about the John Birch Society."

Hall invited Birch Society members in the audience to join in the questioning following his talk. He found little interest, however, possibly because of his earlier outline of exactly how the Birch Society directs its members to ask questions and harass speakers.

BIRCHERS ASKED TO IDENTIFY COMMUNISTS

Hall identified about a half-dozen Birchers in Montana, then was asked to name the Communists in the state and area. Saying he did not know of any, he called for Birch Society members to identify the Communists.

"They've been telling us how many there are in the valley here, and now would be a good time to expose them with all these people present," Hall challenged any attending Bircher. None responded.

Also responding to a question, Hall said it is difficult to distinguish between the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) and the John Birch Society, at least in his home New England area. He pointed out a great many of the YAF advisory board members are JBS members and the two groups join to sponsor rallies.*

Describing the Birchers and related right-wingers as "terribly frightened people", Hall said there are 9 million extremists in the United States based on circulation statements to the Post Office Dept.

He listed 7.5 million as far rightists and 1.5 million as far left.

Hall said he placed the greater danger emphasis on the far left because of its outside influence or foreign basis, but said the far right poses the greatest problem at the local level.

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Local Birch Society to Sponsor Talk

The local chapter of the John Birch Society will sponsor a talk by Larry Abraham, volunteer coordinator of the organization at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Student Union lounge on the Montana State College campus.

Abraham, who is a member of the society in Spokane, Wash., will speak on "The 'New Liberal,' Mouthpiece for Collectivism."

Other appearances for Abraham are being arranged in Montana, Gene Buroker, Missoula, said. A tentative schedule includes talks at Montana State University, Missoula, April 21; Western Montana College, Dillon, and either Carroll College, Helena, or Montana School of Mines at Butte, Buroker said.

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The Bozeman Daily Chronicle,
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State House 'Beat' . . .

FRANK-LY SPEAKING

By FRANK SMALL

Hokum has always been a great ove of American people. We like Major Hoople and frauds of all sorts. They are almost a tradition of ours. History is full of Cardiff giants and even serious studies have been proven to be based upon the data furnished by mischief makers. Archeology and even social studies—the Piltdown man and the Jukes and Kallikaks—are examples of classic pranks.

Monday night at Carroll College everyone had a good time listening to Larry Abraham lecture on why he joined the John Birch Society. The overflow crowd of young people and some of those with the long serious faces (you know who they are) listened to the smooth outpour of hokum by the personable young pitchman.

They were a very fair-minded group of listeners and were willing to pass his ideas through their sharp young minds and even laugh at the right spots.

However he was met head on on the intellectual level by Father Emnett O'Neill who in an admirable show of good spirits entered into the question and answer period to attempt to straighten out some of the very confused views of government Abraham glibly passed off on his audience.

In fact the exchanges were so good that when Father O'Neill accepted the challenge to debate him on the question of the impeachment of Earl Warren as Supreme Court Chief Justice the crowd cheered enthusiastically but the good father had to decline an invitation from Abraham to speak before a John Birch Society group by saying, "You'll have to talk to my management".

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Father O'Neil felt that it would help if he talked to Abraham for about a semester.

Abraham was full of intellectual traps which he had sprung on his audience—ten points by Karl Marx which outlined the way to take over a country including public schools as a tool of subversion, aimed at the violent overthrow of our government.

"Let's not get violent!" shouted Father O'Neill humorously, and continued that Lenin would have been grateful to Marx if he had been more clear in Das Capital on exactly what these ten points are that Abraham imagines he sees.

The thing got a little tacky when the explanation of why Ike and Kennedy are labeled "commies" by JBS was clarified by Abraham. Only ingrained good manners prevented more than boos and hisses to counter that sort of hogwash.

A member of the audience desiring to expand on Abraham's theory that all planning is pagan (except JBS planning that is) asked him to comment on a passage of "United Nations material" which he began reading. The rights of man and the community of nations and all that typically "visionary" material we see so much of, came forth.

Abraham reacted with a sneer and a little falsetto "Hooray" as the reader droned on and finished the reading by exposing the author

—Pope John XXIII from the encyclical "Pacem in Terris".

The trap had been sprung on Abraham and the crowd roared with laughter. Here was the slick political intellectual spewing out his derision and hate and not knowing the foundation stones of the faith of his own church.

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Abraham received little comfort from Father O'Neill when he shifted to Pius XI to find shelter for JBS "philosophy" Abraham was just simply wrong about the facts and the associations. In fact Father O'Neill said that the JBS would run Alexander Hamilton out of the country, they are so conservative. Justice John Marshall—would he escape their wrath? Would George Washington get by today?

Father O'Neil exposed Abraham's method of operation—when we get you down to a point—suddenly it moves.

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Because political events are a matter of life and ~~death~~ in 1964 and despite the fun the people had at the College Monday night, the Student Council and "the management" at Carroll College are to be complimented for bringing Larry Abraham to public scrutiny,—so is Vic Overcash, JBS co-ordinator for Montana, who made a tape recording of the psalm of hate for wider dissemination.

The only thing that prevents the tape and the words from being of any importance was the audience of young people who have not had the bitterness of the years make it seem worthwhile to clutch hate to the bosom. The asp of JBS has rubber teeth and the great forgiveness for fools prevents us from taking them too seriously.

The quality of young, healthy humans for liking one another, in assembly facing the little demogogue, Larry Abraham, and the fun Father O'Neil had taking him apart, will long be a favorite memory of mine.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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Informant on 5/3/64 advised he had recently attended the State Convention of [redacted] and he thought the following person should bear watching as a possible member of the John Birch Society. He said this individual talked like a John Bircher and gave every indication of being one:

[redacted]

Informant said this person is of [redacted] birth and is M,W, short, heavy set.

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Bitterroot Birchers Upset Ravalli Politics

By BOB GILLULY
Managing Editor
Daily Ravalli Republican

HAMILTON — It should be an interesting election year in Ravalli County.

There's the Republicans. And the Democrats. And the John Birch Society.

This historic Bitterroot Valley, in fact, is probably the only county in Montana where a third party is actively campaigning at the local level. The Birch Society hasn't come up with candidates for major county posts—yet at least five are running under the Republican banner for precinct committee positions and another is urging a write-in campaign for his candidacy as county surveyor.

Divergent and radical elements are nothing new in Montana politics, but responsible GOP officials in Ravalli County have just about reached the conclusion Birchers don't belong anywhere in the legitimate political spectrum. The Bitterroot has seen too much Birch-sponsored turmoil in the past six months—or really the past four years.

Moving In

This Birch movement follows a rather curious migration of Californians and other out-of-staters into this western Montana valley. Items:

(1) Mr. and Mrs. Keith Nickerson, who moved to Hamilton last year from Boise, filed for GOP precinct committee posts last month. Nickerson is the Ravalli County John Birch Society coordinator.

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bard and family moved to the Bitterroot about two years ago from California. Bard is one of the leading JBS advocates in the Darby area—hotbed of Birch activity directed against the school board and superintendent. Bard is seeking the county surveyor's job on a write-in campaign.

(3) F. X. Rannuzzi of Los Angeles purchased a cattle ranch southeast of Hamilton last year. Rannuzzi owns Poor Richard's Book Store in uptown Los Angeles—identified as the leading purveyor of extreme right-wing literature in the country. So far, the bookstore owner has used his ranch in Montana only as a summer home.

(4) Joseph Garnella moved to the Hamilton area from California last year. His home is the regular meeting place of the Hamilton chapter of the JBS. Garnella is also assisting the Nickersons in their campaign for GOP precinct committee offices.

California Influence

Not all the Birch activity can be attributed to newcomers, however. It probably all started four years ago when Mrs. Harry Twogood, wife of a prominent Sula area cattleman, visited relatives for several months in California. Following her return, she organized meetings and identified herself as a member of the society.

Two members of the Darby school board who have been wrangling with Supt. Orville LaRowe for nearly three years are Chairman Delbert Conner and William Denton. Both recently denied they were members of the society, but at the same board meeting Conner advocated implementing an Americanism curriculum in the Darby schools patterned after one sponsored by the JBS in Texas.

The Darby wrangle, in fact, was the focal point of most Birch activity prior to election filings this spring.

LaRowe, former Terry teacher, was hired by the Darby board in 1960. He's known as a strong disciplinarian—and he obviously has made enemies in the Darby area, Birch and otherwise.

In the fall of 1960, the new superintendent noted that Bibles in the school library were worn and falling apart. He secured board permission to burn them and order replacements. This was done.

About a year later the Birch element branded LaRowe as a Bible-burner and atheist. Since then he's had paint splattered on his home in Darby, has received threatening letters and has been followed, at night on the street and in his car.

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ty on the Darby board—have opposed LaRowe at every turn. They also were reelected to new terms on the school board this spring, defeating two strong anti-Birch candidates by 70 to 80 votes.

The anti-Birch movement started last fall, sparked by the Darby school battle and an editorial campaign waged in both Hamilton newspapers. It reached a climax in late March, when lecturer Gordon Hall of Boston—a national authority on extremist organizations—spoke before some 2,500 people in Hamilton.

So far the battle has been a California standoff. The number of Birchers in the valley, estimated at possibly 90 to 100, hasn't decreased. But vigilance is continuing, and several members of the county GOP central committee are pushing a write-in campaign to defeat the Birch candidates in the June 2 primary election.

"We don't feel the Birchers are contributing anything to responsible party politics," commented Paul Pagenkopf of Hamilton, a member of the county Republican central committee. "They obviously are not within the pale of the traditional Republican philosophy, and they devote all their efforts to promoting the JBS philosophy at the expense of legitimate Republican goals."

"One of the big problems is that Birchers are the ones who are willing to work at the precinct level. They attend all the meetings and they become officers of political clubs," was the comment of county central committee chairman Tom Lund.

Mrs. Twogood is the only Bircher on the county GOP committee. The other members are solidly opposed to the Birch movement, and it would be stretching a point considerably to say the party in the county is shot through with Birchism.

Ravalli Democrats haven't attempted to make political hay out of this party schism. "It's a community problem, and we plan to fight it together," said State Sen. Bill Groff of Victor, a Democrat. The Hall appearance in March was sponsored by about 50 valley citizens, equally divided as to party affiliation.

Montanans, over the past two generations, have seen the IWW run its course. In Eastern Montana they experienced the socialistic binge in Sheridan County during the depression. They felt the influence of the Ku Klux Klan in the '20s. None of it ever really amounted to much.

Folks in the Bitterroot—most of them, anyway—are hoping the John Birch Society is just another political and social fad.

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Woman Exchanges Big City Life For Tree House in Darby Area

DARBY, Mont. (AP) — Mrs. Jan Woodard is 21, pretty, and a woman of many talents.

She's an adventuress, a flier, taxidermist, and can handle a hammer.

She's in Montana because she's tired of crowded, big city life.

All this may not be out of the ordinary; except Mrs. Woodard has taken to the trees along the Bitterroot River south of Darby.

She lives in a tree house.

Mrs. Woodard, a 5-foot-2, 95-pounder, her 3-year-old daughter, Coquette, and Johnny, a 100 - pound, 7-month-old Great Dane, left Clover City, Calif., a Los Angeles suburb, a month ago.

"We were tired of big city life," Mrs. Woodard said.

"I had driven through Montana several years ago and liked the country, plus I enjoy hunting and the people are friendly," she said.

The treehouse living was partly nature's doing. Too much rain. "After all," she declared, "I could hardly entertain company in a three-foot-high camper."

The 1½ acres of land she bought had a treehouse built for children of the former owners. Mrs. Woodard made it snug with an old wood stove, tarps at the windows, tar paper on the roof and built herself a table and bench.

Her dishwater comes from the river. Laundry facilities are available in Darby, a mile away. She gets drinking water from public campgrounds or from homes of new friends.

The tree house isn't a permanent fixture for her, only until Mrs. Woodard finishes building an A-frame home which she plans to do by herself.

Eventually, she says, she'll probably have to get a job, but plans to finish her home first.

Her parents live in Clover City. Her father is a meteorologist. Her mother sells real estate.

Mrs. Woodard says she's a licensed pilot and tells about a cross-country solo flight in which she accidentally landed at an Air Force base. Her radio had gone dead and her fuel supply was low.

She was told later that she could have been shot.

Last summer, she and Coquette drove to Anchorage, Alaska, where she had considered homesteading. She said she found the cost of living too high. She stayed one month.

The transplanted Californian praises Montana. "If I told the California people some of the kind things the people here have done for me, they just wouldn't believe it."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-8307) & (157-13) DATE: 5-14-64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY
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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
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Re memo of SA [redacted] in file 100-8307 dated 5-7-64.

On May 8, 1964 [redacted] of [redacted] (tel. # [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed at Missoula, Montana and advised as follows:

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Several months ago one [redacted] Montana introduced one [redacted] Montana to [redacted] Montana. [redacted] and at one time was a member of the John Birch Society.

On 5-3-64 [redacted] and [redacted] brought [redacted] to the [redacted] home in [redacted] While there [redacted] tried to sell the [redacted] a subscription to the "Montana Conservative" which is the organ of National States Rights Party in Montana. [redacted] also left copies of "On Target" at the [redacted] home, but did not try to sell subscription to same.

[redacted] did not claim to be a member of the "Minutemne". He ~~id~~ did ~~xxx xxxxxxx~~ indicate that he was a member of the National States Rights Party. [redacted] tried to give the impression that he was thoroughly familiar with Anti-Communist Groups. He mentioned that [redacted] of [redacted] had been quite Anti-Semitic in some of his writings and that "they" were trying to straighten him out.

[redacted] volunteered information that she was a member of the JOHN BURCH SOCIETY.

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Act To Halt Birchers, Trade Confab Warned

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Delegates to the Idaho CIO's annual convention were told Monday it will be impossible to stop the John Birch Society "until the trade union movement arises and acts."

C. L. Green, western area director for the labor organization's Committee on Political Education, addressed more than 100 delegates at opening sessions of the convention which continues through Wednesday.

Green called the John Birch Society "the most dangerous organization ever put together in America" and said its members "are here to destroy social legislation and it's up to us to fight them off."

"You watch how many Birchers get elected this fall," he said. "They are everywhere, digging in to discredit us."

William C. Pfeiffer, northwest area director of the Labor Department's Office of Labor Management and Welfare Pension Reporting, said organized labor in Idaho has an excellent record in complying with the terms of the Labor-Managment Reporting and Disclosure Act.

"Labor's attitude on the whole has been most cooperative," he said.

Sale Of Infants: Story Unveiled

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate subcommittee opened hearings Tuesday on the sale of infants for adoption and heard testimony that children are sold for as high as $7,500 on the baby black market.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the subcommittee to investigate juvenile delinquency, began the hearings with a statement that clandestine trade in babies, both interstate and from foreign counries.

Under study is legislation that would provide imprisonment of up to five years of a $10,000 fine or both "for anyone who profited from the placement of a child for adoption if the child were transported in interstate or foreign commerce." The sanction would not apply to legitimate welfare agencies.

Witnesses for the first of two days of hearing included Katherine B. Oettinger, chief of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Welfare, and Theresa L. Heath of the New York City Police Department, assigned to the district attorney's office squad.

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Dear Sir:

This letter is an inquiry as to the respectability of the John Birch Society and in particular the Society in the Boise, Idaho area.

I would like also any information concerning the nation-wide Council on Foreign Relations.

Any information that you might have in connection to the above named organizations or any sources of information on them will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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Emmett, Idaho

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated July 30, 1964, has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. EVANS
Special Agent in Charge

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What Our Readers Say . . .

Letters To The Editor

(Editor's Note: The Post-Register invites letters from be 500 words or less, and must not contain personal attacks or libelous material. All letters must be signed and the street or route used.)

Birch Society Perspective Cited

Editor, The Post-Register:

The Communists take the lead in condemning the John Birth members as "Big Bad Wolves," and too many people believe them, without investigating the facts. At the Society's own request in 1961, it was thoroughly checked by the California State Senate Committee on Un-American activities, which which included several political "Liberals."

After diligently checking the Society's meetings and hundreds of individual members, the Senate Committee made a complete report — available in a 62 page book—"The California Report," from the "American Opinion," Belmont 72, Mass., for $1.00.

Briefly stated their report says that — "the membership is composed of some highly substantial figures in local communities — physicians, stock brokers, retired military officers, lawyers, business men (particularly small and middle sized manufacturers in the Midwest and South) and professionals.

We have not found the Society to be either a secret or a fascist organization, nor have we found the great majority of it's members, in California, to be mentally unstable, crackpots, or hysterical about the threat of communist subversion. There have been instances of imprudent activity and indefensible statements, but such isolated occurrences are not typical of the organization as a whole.

We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a National movement to learn the truth about the communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent it's spread. Our investigation and study was requested by the Society, which has been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

The members do not always agree with the founder, Robert Welch, nor with each other, on how to best expose communism, but they all agree that communism must be vigorously opposed in the United States and the Americas. They invite help from other patriotic American organizations.

Dr. Byron T. Weeks
Chapter Leader
Idaho Falls

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Our Readers Speak

Suspects Anti-JBS Writers

'Wondering Which Side They Are On'

Dear Sir: I add one word to the two very fine letters of Aug. 19 from Dillon, answering the letter attacking the John Birch Society on Aug. 14.

Amen!

Each time I read a vicious, slanderous letter of this type against this organization I ask myself: Why?

I can't help wondering which side they are on, and why they use the same line the Communists follow in their campaign against us.

My curiosity has really become aroused, to the point I'm going to inform myself on the JBS.

I've seen many statements made by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warning us about our Number One enemy, the Communists, but not one word about the JBS. Surely we can depend on him.

The first two statements made by Hoover on communism are from clippings I have saved from the Montana Standard.

No. 1: Communism is, indeed, our paramount adversary, and it leans on its credo of invincibility and a concept of historical inevitability to accomplish its ends. The way to fight it is to study it, understand it and discover what can be done about it. This cannot be achieved by dawdling at the spring of knowledge; it can be accomplished only by dipping deeply into thoughtful, reliable and authoritative sources of information.

We must unite as a people, we must understand our basic American heritage under law, we must face the Communist menace with deliberation, quiet courage and knowledge.

No. 2: We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this, the safer we will be!

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This last one is taken from the 1964 testimony of J. Edgar Hoover in hearings before a subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 88th Congress:

"It is axiomatic to Soviet-bloc attempts to penetrate government agencies that they try to establish agent nets in those key government installations where the most complete and authentic information concerning intelligence is concentrated.

"In line with this, it is known that the Soviet intelligence services have assigned primary importance to the development of sources within such agencies as the Department of State, the U.S. Information Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency and the FBI."

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Mr. Hoover also stated in this testimony that many young people write the FBI for information regarding communism, and "so that they may have a better understanding of the menace of communism, we have prepared a pamphlet entitled 'What Young People Should Know About Communism.'"

If the JBS is such a threat to our government and our American way of life, surely J. Edgar Hoover must be cognizant of the fact, and would warn us about it, also.

Perhaps he would prepare a pamphlet for young people on the JBS.

When letters attacking the JBS are written, I feel the writers should at least back their statements with documentation, even if they are not proud enough to be identified.—EDNA HART, Anaconda.

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On September 14, 1964, [redacted] Montana, advised that she is the mother of [redacted] her daughter was subjected to intimidation at the [redacted] County Fair, held at [redacted] in the latter part of August, 1964, because of her backing Senator BARRY GOLDWATER for President of the United States. [redacted] advised that persons had harassed [redacted] by driving by the [redacted] residence and shouting "Goldwater stooges" or some such language. [redacted] further advised that a neighbor of the [redacted] had been intimidated and his chimney stuffed, almost causing them to asphyxiate.

On September 29, 1964, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Montana. She advised that she is the wife of [redacted] She stated they are both members of the local John Birch Society with some eight other local residents. She advised she and her husband have made no effort to conceal their membership, and they have been outspoken in their campaigning for Senator GOLDWATER for President. She stated that the area is very strongly Democrat, politically, and both she and her husband have been "snubbed" by acquaintances because of their political beliefs. She stated, however, that they have suffered no threats or injury to their persons or property, and she does not desire to make any complaint that she and her husband have been deprived of any of their civil rights as guaranteed by the law.

She stated that her mother is unduly alarmed for her safety because of the strong local sentiment against the John Birch Society and its members.

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Concerning the incidents mentioned by [redacted] stated that during the recent [redacted] County Fair at [redacted] she arranged, through one of the fair managers, to rent space for a booth on the fairgrounds from which to distribute literature favorable to Senator GOLDWATER. She paid $10.00 for this space rental, but failed to get a signed receipt and official permit for the booth.

She proceeded to build the booth and, when the fair started, distributed the literature and also set up facilities for selling ice cream and soft drinks on the fairgrounds. Thereafter, some unknown citizens complained to the fair management about her booth, and she was threatened with expulsion from the grounds for unauthorized construction of the booth. However, she later had her $10.00 deposit and oral permission to build the booth confirmed by the fair official with whom she had dealt and was permitted to maintain the booth for the term of the fair. She stated she realizes her failure to get the necessary signed permit was probably the cause of her initial trouble in this regard, and she does not desire to make any complaint over this incident.

[redacted] advised also that during the Labor Day weekend when her mother was visiting her, a carload of unknown persons drove by the [redacted] home at about 9:00 p.m., and the occupants called out "Goldwater stooges" and other epithets of a derogatory nature because of their campaigning for Senator GOLDWATER. She stated the noise was somewhat disconcerting, but otherwise they paid little attention to the incident, although it did cause her mother some concern. She stated she does not desire to make any complaint of this incident either, as she feels it was not a threat against her person or property and is a price they must pay because of the local sentiment against Senator GOLDWATER.

The incident of a neighbor almost being asphyxiated involved one [redacted] was likewise a member of the local John Birch Society group and had similarly made no effort to conceal his sympathies in this regard. One

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night in about April, 1964, one of the [redacted] children woke up and complained of smoke in their home. [redacted] checked their stove and found that a piece of wood had been stuffed in their chimney causing faulty venting of the oil stove they used for heat. The wood was removed and no damage was done to the house or the occupants; however, he told [redacted] that had this situation not been discovered, it could possibly have resulted in the entire family being asphyxiated. [redacted] assumed that the incident had been the result of their political beliefs, but no other evidence of this came to his attention.

[redacted] advised that at the time the incident was reported to the local Sheriff's Office, but subsequent investigation failed to disclose the identity of the person who had placed the wood in the chimney. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] family moved back to [redacted] a short time later.

[redacted] advised that her husband has a responsible position with the [redacted] working in the [redacted] She stated that they have both been subjected to harassment by fellow employees and fellow residents of the [redacted] because of their political beliefs; however, they feel this is a normal political reaction, and they do not want to complain of violations of their civil rights because of it. She stated they intend to continue their campaigning for Senator GOLDWATER in spite of the overwhelming sentiment against him in the community; she stated she feels that they are gaining a few converts to their beliefs.

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Birch Society Official Quits With Parting Blast at Renne

EAST GLACIER PARK (UPI) — A former Montana board member whose appointment was criticized by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Roland Renne revealed Monday he has terminated his activity as regional coordinator of the John Birch Society.

V. O. Overcash reported he gave up the coordinator's position Sept. 22 and was succeeded by Donald Rueber, Spokane, Wash. He said his relations continued "very fine" with the society and he planned to keep doing "everything to advance its program in my personal capacity."

Overcash also struck back at Renne's criticism that Gov. Tim Babcock "must be under some kind of discipline from the 'Blue Book' and 'Black Book' people" for appointing Overcash. The Democratic candidate said the books were published by the John Birch Society and "represent a threat to our society."

"The spokesmen and candidates of the radical left are attempting to make a political issue of my brief period on the board of governors of the Montana Soldiers Home," Overcash said.

Overcash explained that he was first appointed by Gov. Donald Nutter and reappointed on an interim basis by Babcock to serve for about three months until the board was terminated in the setting up of a new board of public institutions on July 1, 1963.

The former Birch Society executive said the "Black Book" referred to by Renne was written by Robert Welch, but the organization had decided from the start it would never be part of the society's literature.

Overcash said he served two and a half years as coordinator, his area including at the end of his term, Montana and Wyoming.

Reuber said in Spokane he was assuming the Montana post in addition to his job as major coordinator for the central area. He said Montana was one of the nine states in that area.

Rueber, who moved to Spokane only recently from Milwaukee, Wis., said he had been with the Birch Society since 1960. Neither Washington nor Idaho is in Rueber's area for coordination despite his change of residence.

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TO : SAC

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: John Birch Society
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On 11-9-64 in my interview of [redacted] in connection with 70-3931. [redacted] engaged me in conversation. [redacted] operate the [redacted] at [redacted] Montana.

[redacted] advised that she and her husband are members of the JBS. They have no affiliates in [redacted] but belong to the unit at [redacted] Montana. Their leader is [redacted] of [redacted] Montana, and they also received guidance from [redacted] formerly of [redacted] Mont. She stated that she and her husband plan to subscribe to The Daily People's World, west coast communist publication, so they can keep up on what the communists are doing. Shestated they plan to subscribe under an alias and use a P.O.Box of [redacted] She stated she will advise me of the name they plan to use when they do so in order that the FBI will be aware of their identity and the reason for their subscription.

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NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, *Former President of the United States.*

"The John Birch Society is a good, patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian Republic."

Column by George Todt in Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, March 23, 1964.

EZRA TAFT BENSON, *United States Secretary of Agriculture,* 1953-60.

"When he [Ison Reed] joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism. I also stated that I admired Reed's courage and applauded his decision."

Address scheduled for delivery December 19, 1963, Boise, Idaho.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists."

This statement made before Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947 should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the John Birch Society, as the F.B.I. endorses no organization.

W. CLEON SKOUSEN, *Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City.*

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy."

W. Cleon Skousen, The Communist Attack on John Birch Society, Page 11.

The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: A REPORT

THE CALIFORNIA SENATE INVESTIGATION

A thorough investigation of The John Birch Society was conducted by the Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities of the State of California under the chairmanship of Senator Hugh Burns (Dem.) Two years in the making, it was released in June of 1963. Quotations follow:

"The attack against The John Birch Society commenced with an article in the People's World, California Communist paper, in February, 1961 . . ."

"Our investigation and study was requested by the Society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

"We find The John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. It was conceived, organized, and is dominated by Mr. Robert Welch, who runs the Society with the aid of a National Council and Advisory Committee."

"There is no question, as National Review points out, that he [Robert Welch] has stirred the slumbering spirit of patriotism in thousands of Americans, roused them from lethargy, and changed their apathy into a deep desire to first learn the facts about communism and then implement that knowledge with effective and responsible action."

"Communists are trained to obey a directive or a party assignment, whether they agree with it or not. Members of the Society are constantly told not to follow any program or directive unless they agree with it, as may be seen in many of the monthly bulletins sent to the members.

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread."

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FROM: SAC, BUTTE (C)

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Boise, Idaho
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of an advertisement which appeared in the 11/2/64 issue of the "Idaho Daily Statesman," Boise, Idaho.

On 11/18/64 [redacted] Boise, Idaho, appeared at the Boise, Idaho, Resident Agency and requested the address of the Director of the FBI. [redacted] stated he intended addressing letters to Mr. HOOVER and former President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER regarding their pictures and quotations appearing in an advertisement of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Idaho Daily Statesman of 11/2/64. [redacted] stated he intends to use his letters and replies received in newspaper publicity.

According to [redacted] he is a private citizen acting on his own behalf and he declined to identify any persons or organizations associated with him. The address of the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the FBI was furnished [redacted]

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It Seems to Me

By ELI M. OBOLER

. . . THAT THE NEW FACADE of the John Birch Society, which is being used to try to increase its membership and influence by claiming a respectability and mild manner vastly different from its general national image, is just a little too insubstantial to stand up to close examination. The best statement of what the J. B. S. means is still to be found in the "Blue Book," each monthly issue of "American Opinion," and in its head's book, "The Politician."

Most recent proof of what the J. B. S. is really like is to be found on pages 709 to 731 of volume 15 of the 25-volume "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy" (the Warren Commission Hearings), just published by the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Here you will find the testimony of Prof. Revilo P. Oliver, a member of the Council of the John Birch Society, as given under subpena from the Commission, on Sept. 9, 1964, in Washington, D. C. His own lawyer was present and advised him; he was questioned by Albert E. Jenner, Jr., Assistant Counsel of the Commission, concerning some public speeches he had delivered as well as some articles he wrote for the J. B. S. magazine, "American Opinion," giving his views on the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Warren Commission was very much justified in questioning Prof. Oliver. If even a small part of the wild charges and smears included in the Oliver articles were backed up by facts, then the whole investigation prior to that time would have been pretty much a waste of time. Under the close inquiry of Counsel Jenner, the fantastic structure of Oliver's accusations collapsed into rumor and opinion.

One of the best examples of the Birch technique of implication and canard, without factual justification, is told on pages 737-741 of the Oliver testimony. Here Jenner questioned the Birch leader concerning a speech he had delivered during August, 1964, in various cities, in which he said, ". . . the headquarters detachment of our Army under orders from McNamara's office began to rehearse for the funeral more than a week before the assassination . . ."

This is quite a charge. If true, it obviously means that, as Jenner said, . . . (the) clear implication is that the unit was rehearsing for President Kennedy's funeral because they knew there was going to be a funeral." It turns out that what Oliver was really referring to was that the Army headquarters detachment "had been rehearsing for the anticipated possible funeral of President Hoover who was then ill," as Jenner proved. But what audiences in 6 cities, including Salt Lake City on August 29, heard was this vile allegation by a member of the top Council of the John Birch Society clearly implying that our own Army knew in advance that President Kennedy was going to be assassinated and did nothing about it.

If you have any doubt of the way the John Birch Society operates, read the whole report of Oliver's testimony. He admits that the "evidence" to back up his weird collection of smears and attacks on Kennedy's reputation, on the Army, and on many other reputable individuals and institutions was " ... 'evidence' in the general or loose sense, —not in the sense of sworn testimony . . . (and) not in the sense of primary sources . . ."

You will find no reference to Oliver's testimony in the "Report of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy," the 1-volume summary of the conclusions based on the 25 volumes of hearings and exhibits. No, that's wrong; there is one reference; on page 465 of the McGraw-Hill edition you will find the name of Revilo P. Oliver, identified as "Member of the council of the John Birch Society," listed as one of 552 witnesses testifying to the Commission. But his afternoon of testimony brought out not one new fact, not one provable charge worth the notice of the American people.

And Oliver is a frequent contributor to the J.B.S magazine, "American Opinion," and one of its national group of leaders.

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Boisean Asks Reprimand By Eisenhower, Hoover On Birch Society Tactics

A Boisean who is alarmed over the tactics of the John Birch Society in South Idaho wrote former President Eisenhower and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in November requesting their personal reprimands of certain ventures of the society.

In the Nov. 2, 1964 issues of The Statesman, Robert W. Cannon saw an advertisement paid for by the John Birch Society with the name and address of James W. White, 804 Seventh Ave. S., Nampa, inserted.

The advertisement included a report of the California Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities which said in part: "We find the John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization." The eye-catching part of the ad was the display of four pictures of national leaders, Eisenhower, former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Banson, Hoover and W. Cleon Skousen, ex-FBI agent and chief of police, Salt Lake City, with a quotation from each printed under their respective pictures.

Taken From Column

Eisenhower's quote used in the advertisement was: "The John Birch Society is a good, patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian Republic." This was taken from a column written by George Todt and published in the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner March 23, 1964.

The advertisement quoted Hoover in his statement made before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U.S. House March 26, 1947. The quotation: "I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Commu- many dedicated Americans in it genuinely interested in combatting communism, but adding that in view of the false and despicable accusations of "Communist" against innocent people, published in a book by a Mr. Welch, leader of the Society, I have no respect whatsoever for that individual or for anyone else who associates himself with such unconscionable practices. I said also that for this reason, and because I possessed no knowledge of the society's methods, its membership or its operations I refused to express any further opinion about the organization.

Has No Use For Hoodlums

"For my part, I have no use for hoodlums, vigilantes or others, no matter to what sector of the political spectrum they give allegiance, who violate the rights of any American citizen and indulge in character assassination as they hypocritically claim to be defending our nation and its precious freedoms." . .

The letter from Hoover's office was signed by his secretary, Helen W. Gandy, dated Nov. 27, it said:

"Mr. Hoover received your letter of November 19th, with enclosures, and asked me to explain that his statements and articles are a matter of public record and are quoted from time to time. However, their use does not necessarily mean that this Bureau has or has not cleared the manner in which they are employed. No permission was sought or granted to the John Birch Society in connection with the use of Mr. Hoover's photograph and statement.

"Mr. Hoover continued and pointed out that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any

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The Idaho Daily Statesman

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Statements from Benson, controversial high figure in the Mormon Church, said the Birch Society "was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism . . ." Skousen's statement indicated the society was being smeared at the instigation of the "international Communist conspiracy."

Asks Reprimand

A reply from the office of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gettysburg, Pa., dated Nov. 25, was signed by Brig. Gen. Robert L. Schultz (U.S.A.-Ret.), the former president's executive assistant. He wrote:

"I have been asked to respond to your letter of November 19th with its enclosures.

"Because of the obvious sincerity of your action and based on past experience, I am taking the time to outline what I feel would be the best approach to your objectives.

"The General has always felt that there was no need for him to defend himself against the ridiculous charges often made by the uninformed or misled. In fact, it has been his policy throughout his life never to answer any accusations made against him and he does not intend to start now.

Statement Enclosed

"I would suggest that you present you material to the National Council for Civil Responsibility for whatever action they believe would be in the best interest of all concerned."

Enclosed was a "Statement by General Eisenhower," dated Oct. 9, which read:

"Friends have questioned me as to the authenticity of a recent and widely distributed advertisement carrying purported comments from me about the John Birch Society.

"Because I had earnestly hoped to say no additional word on the subject of 'extremism' during the current political campaign, I had ignored the incorrect report, first made last March. Being informed now that the alleged expression of my opinions aroused some [illegible] individual. Therefore, he trusts you will understand why he is not in a position to comment or to take action along the lines you have suggested . . ."

Speech Copies Sent

Enclosed were the speech given by Hoover at the "Sword of Loyola" award dinner in Chicago Nov. 24, 1964, entitled "Time for Decision;" a talk, "Faith in Freedom" delivered Dec. 4, 1963 before the Brotherhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, an article from the January 1962 issue of Christian Herald, "Let's Fight Communism Safely" and two other statements of the FBI director.

In the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin April 1961, Hoover wrote:

"America, historically an impregnable fortress against tyranny, is engaged in a mortal struggle with world communism. It is time for both citizens and governmental authorities to confront this threat in a calm, realistic, rational, law-abiding manner.

"The ingredients for Communist coups in nations which have fallen under its spell always include a populace shaken with fear, hysteria, and confusion. Above all, however, is the danger of irresponsible counteraction by citizens who lend impetus to communism through inept attempts to fight this insidious menace . . .

'No Time for Vigilantes'

"The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen. This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action. We must unite as a people, we must understand our basic American heritage under law, and we must face the Communist menace with deliberation, quiet courage, and knowledge. These are the qualities which communism shrinks from — these are the qualities against which communism can never succeed."

opinions aroused some public interest I am summarizing here what, according to my memory, I have said in the past and to indicate my continuing attitude on this subject.

" . . . Answering a question, some months ago, respecting the John Birch Society, I replied that I assumed there must be

Cannon has done considerable other research on the John Birch Society and said he came to the conclusion the society's leaders and spokesmen are "present-day merchants of distortion." A Republican, Cannon said he was alarmed that often Barry Goldwater, GOP presidential candidate, took positions parallel to the "militant stand of the John Birch Society and their pseudo-identities."

Cannon explained it this way: "Organizations which attempt to capitalize on the natural biases, prejudices and ignorance of people in their attempt to incite and usurp responsible expressions of city, state and federal governments are alien to this Republic's judicial, legislative, executive and political principles and philosophy."

States Beliefs

He restates America's political heritage: ". . . that there is within man terrible and profound hopes and beliefs manifested in our historical political philosophies and principals. These hopes and beliefs know that to survive, man must invariably collide with all the pseudo-identities of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse; and the least of these disguises is of equal concern for they make possible consequences that are the death of the soul!"

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Darby, Montana
January 13, 1965

Office of the F.B.I.
Spokane, Washington

Dear Sirs

I would like to know about the group Young Americans for Freedom. If they are a Communist front group or are they really a group fighting Communism?

I would also like to have the same information on the John Burch Society.

Thank you.

Yours Truly

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUTTE

DATE: 1/15/65

FROM JSM SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed is a communication from [redacted] Darby, Montana, received January 14, 1965, at the Spokane, Washington, Resident Agency of the FBI. This letter requests information concerning the John Birch Society. It is being sent to Butte to be acknowledged or handled as desired.

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January 14, 1976

Honorable Max Baucus
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Baucus: 62-1672 5.1 P 1 ?m

Your letter of December 23rd to the Department of Justice, enclosing a communication from [redacted] of Hamilton, Montana, was forwarded to FBI Headquarters and received here on January 8th.

With regard to your request concerning the number of KGB agents in the United States, a large percentage of Soviet-bloc officials assigned to diplomatic and quasi-diplomatic establishments have intelligence assignments. The number of these individuals has greatly increased in the last few years. These facts are set forth in the enclosed booklet. I hope this information is of assistance to you and your constituent.

I am returning your enclosures.

Sincerely yours,

C M Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (3)
Internal Security and Organized Crime
Letter and enclosure from constituent

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400 Thornton Building
Butte, Montana, 59701
January 19, 1965

[redacted]
Darby, Montana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 13, 1965, addressed to the FBI at Spokane, Washington, has been forwarded to me and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use, in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which you may find of interest.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. EVANS,
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 3-3-65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: Minutemen
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On 2-12-65 Montana Highway Patrolman [redacted] Montana, telephonically contacted writer and requested a personal contact on a date convenient. Such a contact was arranged for 2-25-65 at Hot Springs, Mont.

On 2-25-65 [redacted] advised that he was recently informed by [redacted] that something peculiar was going on at [redacted] south of [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] works in [redacted] Montana but lives at the family home near [redacted] Mont. [redacted] works for [redacted] and is available there during the day. [redacted] told him that [redacted]

[redacted] tells [redacted] that he suspects this man has [redacted] and suspects he has some connection with the Minutemen. He also tels [redacted] that this fellow has two or three other fellows hanging around the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he is also aware that there is an [redacted] living in the [redacted] area who recently advertised in the [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has talked only to the [redacted] about the incident reported by [redacted] and he has also told [redacted] not to mention this matter to anyone elsee as to do so might jeopardize any investigation to be conducted.

Checking at [redacted] I find the [redacted] is operated by one [redacted] has been a source of public controversy as he xxx is a vociferous member of the local John Birch Society group and causes a good deal of trouble with his public accusations. [redacted]

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[redacted] He was publicy denounced by the regular local Democratic leaders because of his public statements favoring the JBS. More recently he has accused the [redacted] of violating his civil rights in their denial of [redacted]

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Sheriff Bob Jacky advised that in December 1959 [redacted] in an altercation in the [redacted] bar. [redacted] but won an acquittal when it was shown that [redacted] provoked the incident and had a past record of violence.

Jacky advises that investigation by the county attorney at that time disclosed that [redacted] came from ~~someplace in~~ [redacted] had been in the U.S. ~~Marine Corps~~ Army and had prior training either as a [redacted] Little of his other background is known.

[redacted] has the following description in LCSO files:

Name [redacted]
DOB
Sex Male
Color White
Height 5'10½"
Weight 175 lbs.
Build Medium
Hair Brown
Eyes [redacted]
Wife
FBC
ASN

Leads

At [redacted] Mont. Int. [redacted] at [redacted] for any additional details and arrange to interview [redacted] or determine where [redacted] works in [redacted] so he can be contacted there. FD-90 is being submitted on [redacted]

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1-Xerox- "John Birch Society" File
2- "Minutemen" File

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SAC, BUTTE (100-0)

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aka, [redacted]
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On 3/15/65, [redacted] Montana, advised SA [redacted] that she and her husband are members of the JOHN BIRCH Society. She wants to get "pro-communict literature," as a research problem, and contemplates subscribing to the "People's World." She plans to rent a P. O. Box in one of the Flathead County communities, possibly, Kalispell, Montana, and subscribe to the "People's World" or other communist publications available. She will use the cover name of [redacted] and may possibly give a return address of [redacted]

For information.

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Speaker Says JBS Attacks Stem From Misinformation

Attacks on the John Birch Society are the result of misinformation, confusion and the Communist propaganda campaign, Math J. Dasinger, society area co-ordinator told Yellowstone Kiwanis Club members Monday.

"Why is opposition to the John Birch Society so violent?" Dasinger asked. The answer, he said, lies in distorted reports to the public and lack of facts.

He said he asked the late Jack Toole, prominent Montana Democrat, why Toole had attempted to discredit the society in his speeches. The former legislator was unable to answer and afterwards stopped criticizing the JBS in public statements, Dasinger said.

International communism has declared war on anti-Communist movements "symbolized by the John Birch Society" but the society has grown despite attacks, he added.

The Sidney businessman emphasized that the JBS is neither fascist, anti-Semitic nor anti-Negro. The goal of the society is education, he said.

"The California legislature spent about $1 million on an investigation of the society in 1962," he said. The conclusion of the investigation cleared the society of charges of fascist sympathies.

He explained that the society is not a secret organization. Members are free to reveal their membership although the society itself does not reveal members' names.

The JBS hierarchy is based on appointments rather than elections, he said. But each chapter and each individual may participate in the national JBS program only as much as his conscience dictates. Policies are handed down from society headquarters but the setup is not dictatorial, he insisted.

Asked if the society did not seem organized along the lines of the Communist cell system, Dasinger replied there are similarities between JBS and Communist units, "but in the Communist system, if a member disagrees with the party line, he ends up with a bullet in the back of his head."

In the JBS, he said, a disagreeable member is given back his dues and asked to leave.

JBS membership applications stipulate that membership may be revoked at any time "without the reason being stated."

Turning to the civil rights movement, Dasinger said Martin Luther King has claimed there are no Communists in the Negro movement "but he knows better."

He warned that the Communists have never used their own people to topple legitimate governments. "They have used Chinese against Chinese, Koreans against Koreans, Vietnamese against Vietnamese," he said. "It seems logical they are using Americans against Americans to ferment hatred and chaos here."

Asked how the society had reacted to King's winning the Nobel Peace Prize, he said there has been no official JBS statement but there is feeling that the Nobel prizes have been degraded in recent years.

He said the assertion of JBS Founder Robert Welch that former President Dwight Eisenhower was a dedicated Communist is not an official view of the society.

He added that criticism of the society by the press is based on misinformation and contributes to more misinformation. It is also possible, he said, that people in influential positions in the news media have been instructed to discredit the JBS. He said that this did not necessarily mean that all U.S. newspapers are Communist controlled.

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Birch Society Speaker Slated

John H. Rousselot, national public relations director of the John Birch Society, will speak on Civil Rights at 8 p.m. June 3 at the Shrine Auditorium.

The title of the talk will be "Civil Rights—Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause." The former California congressman is editor of "American Opinion Magazine." His talk is sponsored by the Billings chapters of the Birch Society.

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John Birch Society Adding Two More Paid Coordinators

BILLINGS (AP) — Montana will have two additional salaried John Birch Society coordinators within two years, the organization's national public relations director said Thursday.

John Rousselot, in an interview, said the Montana field workers will be part of a planned 300-man addition to the society's full-time staff.

The fieldmen will work to create chapters and stimulate existing ones, preferably west of the Continental Divide, Rousselot said. Salaries range from $8,000 to $12,000 a year, he said.

Rousselot said the ultimate John Birch goal is to have about 2,000 members in every congressional district. "That way we'll have enough ideological salesmanship to have effect," he said.

The national director would not say how many paid coordinators are now working in Montana, but he said about $30,000 is collected annually in Montana sales and dues.

Rousselot spoke to John Birch members from throughout the state at a workshop meeting aimed at beefing up the society's efforts in Montana.

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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On 7-28-65 Sgt. [redacted] Montana, advised that on the afternoon of 7-16-65 he was driving on the [redacted] He stopped at a tavern on this road that had a grocery s tory in conjunction. While drinking a bottle of Coke he got into conversation with the woman who obviously ran the place. She began to make disparaging remarks about theeffectiveness of the U. S .Air Force's missle program, stating that [redacted] had worked on the program and also that she has relatives living near the missle bases in [redacted] She stated that the program is very ineffective and the American people are being inadequately informed about their defenses.

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[redacted] stated that he told the woman she talked like a John Bircher. The woman stated that she is a Bircher "and proud of it". She then stated that she knw s the truth o f her asertions from the relatives mentioned above as "we get reports from them all the time".

[redacted] left the place as soon as he could as he didn't want to get embroiled in an extensive argument with this woman.

Suggested: Note and file. It is obvious this is the [redacted] operated by [redacted] They are known as JBS members and very voiceferous.

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PETITION COMMITTEE
[redacted] BOISE, IDAHO
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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AT POCATELLO, IDAHO

On 7/20/65, [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] member of the John Birch Society in Pocatello and is still active in the organization and believes in it 100%. She believes that the Idaho State University (ISU) is "riddled with Communist Party sympathizers" and encourages students whom she described as liberal, kooks, and beatniks, to attend ISU. She described President L. B. JOHNSON as "pro-commie," said EARL WARREN, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, should be impeached, and, when ADLAI STEVENSON died, "the world lost another wicked man." She said all liberals are "wicked," anyone who believes in Medicare and Social Security are "commies." The fellow travelers are worse than the "commies," as the "commies" could not exist without them. [redacted] said she had a list of about 50 professors who were "pro-commie" and liberal and could support this list with some evidence. She would make this information available on 7/21/65.

On 7/21/65, [redacted] furnished a typewritten list of 48 professors, which she said is the one to which the petition refers. She furnished a copy of a lengthy letter, dated 6/27/65, from [redacted] which appears to be documented with news clippings and his own articles.

[redacted] advised she had talked with [redacted] of the Idaho State Board of Education, and that she was told the board planned to ask for no investigation and they considered the matter ended.

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It should be noted that [redacted] was a [redacted] Pocatello, a member of the Idaho State Board of Education and Chairman of the Executive Committee for ISU, for many years while he operated the [redacted] in Pocatello, and [redacted] still does part-time work for him, although he is now retired. It should be further noted that the list of so-called "pro-commie" professors is a duplicate of the names furnished by [redacted] which are names listed in the same order as those in an article appearing in the Bengel ISU student newspaper, 1/20/65, (which is an exhibit to [redacted] lengthy letter) and who therein took issue with [redacted] and said in effect that he was wrong in a prior article that he had published in the Bengel. It would appear the general basis for the allegations that these professors are "pro-commie" is that they disagree with [redacted]

The list of professors is as follows alphabetically as contained in the 1964-65 ISU Faculty Directory, with the exceptions as noted:

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It is noted that [redacted] inadvertently omitted the name [redacted] from her typed list. This name appears in the Bengel article of 1/20/65.

It is further noted the following names do not appear in the current faculty directory:

[redacted]

The current Pocatello City Directory and Telephone Directory reflect no information regarding [redacted] is a part-time instructor. The current Pocatello City Directory reflects that he resides at [redacted] and is the [redacted]

It is further noted that [redacted] are no longer employed at ISU.

[redacted] appears to be the chief source of information for [redacted] who with [redacted] (who is known to be mentally unstable) is the anonymous committee of two self-appointed to clean the communists and liberals out of ISU. It is noted in [redacted] letter, page 4, paragraph 3, he admits making a few minor mistakes. It would appear from page 6, paragraph 1, of his letter that he is actively distributing John Birch Society type literature.

[redacted] advised she does not have any information to identify any professor as a communist and would not name any professor as a communist, and all the information she has is what she reads in newspapers and gets second-hand from

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individuals such as [redacted] She is of the opinion there is a great deal of immorality at ISU and feels that immorality and communism are inseparable. She has received no information about any pro-communists or un-American student organizations on the ISU campus.

In view of the above, it is suggested that the above names be indexed and no further investigation be conducted.

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Co-Ordinator Says

Birch Society's Main Concern Is Communism

The John Birch Society's side of the story was presented to the Lions Club Tuesday by Math Dasinger, Sidney, regional co-ordinator, who was in town for a meeting last night of those interested in the Society.

Dasinger said that in 1960 he was program chairman for the Kiwanis Club in Sidney and had invited an anti-Communist speaker to address the club.

The speaker made a statement, Dasinger said, which linked a local organization with the Communist party.

Threats Made

As a result, he said, threats were made against the club and against his business and when, later in the year he heard about the John Birch Society and its warnings concerning a Communist conspiracy, he joined.

"Since then I have never heard of one legitimate argument against the Society," Dasinger said.

He asserted that many of the charges against the Society are the result of smears and misrepresentation.

Study Group

Dasinger said that the John Birch Society is not an action group but a study group and its principal concern is with the Communist threat.

He said that the Society warns that the Communists are using the United Nations to control the world, and he added that the campaign for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren is being carried on merely to call attention of the country to a series of court decisions which are destroying the states and building up the federal government.

"The result of these decisions will be that the Communists will have to take over only one government instead of 50," Dasinger said.

'Better Wake Up'

"If there's the remotest chance that we are right, then the American people had better wake up," he added.

He said that the blueprint for Communist conquest has been graphically told by Communist publications.

During a question period after his address, Dasinger was asked about the attitude of the John Birch Society to the civil rights program.

He said that the Society believes that some of the Negro leaders are being used by the Communists and that the Reds are active in causing trouble.

The Rev. Jack Hart challenged him on some of his assertions, suggesting that in certain areas the Negro has no chance for advancement because the group which is in power is determined not to accord equality to the colored race.

Sharon Cromeenes was program chairman. He announced that on Aug. 31 the Lions Club and the wives of members plan a tour of the state prison at Deer Lodge. Dinner will be served following the tour.

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Helena, Montana

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 9-20-65

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: "Minutemen"
Info. Concerning (IS)

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Re SA [redacted] memo of 8-25-65.

On 9-20-65 Mr. Valjean Riley, Glacier Block, Kalispell, Mont. was interviewed by writer. Mr. Riley advised that he is not a member of "Minutemen" and never has been. He advised that three or four years ago he received through the mail a copy of "On Target". He has no specific recollection of having done so, but believes that at that time he sent a small cash contribution to the headqarters of this organization. He continued to get copies of this publication from time to time but he has never been solicited to become a member. He advised that at first he tended to agree with the "conservative" approach of the magazine. He explained that by this term he felt the magazine corectly was against the "one world" idea and seemed to be fighting socialism and communism. However, as he got more of this publication he felt that it was becomming too militant and when it advocated armed force to "save" America, he felt it had become an "extremist" organization and he therefore lost interest in it. He stated that he has continued to get the magazine from time to time but only rarely does he read it; instead, he usually throws it away in the wastebasked without reading it.

It was pointed out to him that his name appears on their mailing list with a number behind his name which usually indicates membership. He stated he is at a loss to explain this because he is not and has never been a membership; he stated he cannot help it if the organization might claim him as a member from the fact that he did make a small donation to it several years ago.

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Mr. Riley stated that he does belong to the John Birch Society and does pay dues to that organization. However, he stated the JBS does not advocate force or violence and is against communism and therefore he feels it is an honorable and legal organization. He stated he does read other "conservative" publications and is a great admirer of Dan Smoot and his political philosophy.

Mr. Riley advised that he was born in Wisconsin, came to the Flathead reservation and hhomesteaded in 1911. In 1923 he came to Kalispell and was in the dairy and creamery business for many years. In about 1950 he went out of that business and currently is retired although he handles the rental of his building. His wife died a couple of years ago.

He furnished the following descriptive data:

Name	Valjean Riley
Sex	Male
Color	White
Born	7-19-1890, Eau Claire, Wis.
Height	5'6½"
Weight	160 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Grey
Children	[redacted]

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Crim. Rec. Denied

Check of Kalispell PD and Flathead County S.O. failed to disclose any arrest record for Mr. Riley.

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Birchers Post $1,000 Reward

The National John Birch Society is offering an additional $1,000 for information leading to the apprehension of those who murdered an aged Alabaman who opposed racial demonstrations, Mrs. J. A. McClure of the Idaho Falls unit, said Saturday.

Perry Shaw died before being able to identify his assailants who beat him with an iron skillet.

Mrs. McClure noted Gov. George C. Wallace has posted the legal maximum reward of $1,000 for the arrest and convictions of the attackers.

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Ex-Commie Birch Speaker Later Served as FBI Spy

(Editor's note: The following story is presented exactly as submitted by Var Lindsay, Tanner Lane, Blackfoot, who is one of the sponsors of the appearance in Blackfoot of one of the approved speakers for The John Birch Society.)

Coming to Blackfoot under the auspices of the John Birch Society is a lecturer of considerable national prominence. Mr Karl Prussion, born of Jewish parents in Brooklyn, New York, graduated from Northern High School in Detroit Michigan, then attended Wayne University, accumulating enough credits to be equivalent to a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

In 1932-33 while at Wayne University, and while the Communist Party was a recognized political party in America. . . .Mr. Prussion was influenced to join THE NATIONAL STUDENT LEAGUE ORGANIZATION, a communist front organization that he was not aware of at that time. Influenced by many professors who had Communist sympathies and were members, Mr. Prussion participated in all of this Communist front organization activities.

Mr. Prussion was rigidly trained in the tactic and strategy of the conspiracy in section... district...and finally the national training school of the Communist Party. He was then put into various types of infiltration work. Political parties, Church Organizations, Unions, etc.

During his initial four year membership he quickly recognized this as a monstrous fraud. He was a participant in experiencing lies and fallacies, a vicious subtle conspiracy that would and was dedicated to destroying the individual...the spirit and soul of a man...and their main goal, to destroy the most powerful enemy the Communists had...America.

Mr. Prussion served as a Communist agent for twenty-six years and as a counter-spy for the FBI for 12 of those years. At the behest of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and with the approval of the Attorney Generals office (F.B.I.) he surfaced so he could testify openly and secretly...before this committee and many other governmental investigating bodies. All of his testimony which exposed the machinations of the Communist conspiracy principally in California is a matter of record for the Committee on Un-American Activities. House of Representatives (86th Congress...2nd Session.. Part 1,2,3,)

At the time of his surfacing in 1960 Mr. Prussion was president of the Prussion Construction Company and in prior years was a Metallurgical Engineer, having obtained additional scholastic credits at the Ford School of Metallurgy and the Lawrence Institute of Technology. He had gained such a fine reputation as a Metallurgist that he was honored with membership in the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personel.

Today Mr. Karl Prussion is editor of a monthly publication "Heads Up" dedicated to fighting and exposing Communism.

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Karl Prussion

Ex-Spy To Talk On Red Danger

Karl Prussion, a former FBI counterspy, will be in Idaho Falls Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the O. E. Bell Junior High Auditorium to lecture on internal subversion, Jim Hill, head of a local group sponsoring the talk, reminded Saturday.

Prussion was rigidly trained in the tactics and strategy of the conspiracy in section, district, and finally the national training school of the Communist Party, said Hill.

In 1960, after an association of 26 years with the Communist Party, USA, Karl Prussion surfaced with the approval of the attorney general's office so that he could testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Prussion, born of orthodox Jewish parents, has embraced Christianity and is dedicating his life to preserving America by speaking out through his writings and lectures, Hill added.

Tickets may be purchased through members of TARS, Young Republicans or at the door.

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The Post Register

Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Editor: E.F. McDermott

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 10/11/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/9/65 a woman who identified herself as [redacted] telephonically contacted the office from Idaho Falls, Idaho and furnished the following information:

KARL PRUSSION, from Southern California gave a speech in Idaho Falls, Idaho last week. He was sponsored by [redacted] in Idaho Falls, Idaho. It is her opinion that [redacted] is "mixed up with the JOHN BIRCHERS".

While in Idaho Falls, PRUSSION claimed he is a former Communist and a counter-spy for the FBI.

[redacted] said that the purpose of her call was to verify or disprove the statements made by PRUSSION since she is going on the radio in Idaho Falls on 10/11/65 to refute some of the statements made by PRUSSION in his speech and during some radiontalks he made.

[redacted] was advised that information in the files of the FBI is confidential and we are unable to give her any information.

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Birch Society denied request for list of Democrat leaders

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A request from the John Birch Society for a mailing list of Democratic party leaders was rejected Tuesday night by Fred Barrett, Democratic state chairman.

Barrett said the request from the ultra-conservative society "has been given thoughtful and sincere consideration."

He said the request was rejected on the ground that granting it would give the John Birch Society "tacit recognition and a quasi-legal status it has not earned nor deserves.

"I would likewise refuse the use of our lists to the Ku Klux Klan or the Communist party, should they request it," Barrett said.

Barrett's views were in a speech he gave in Libby and a letter to Math J. Dasinger of Sidney, Montana coordinator for the society.

Dasinger said he requested names of Democratic leaders so he could send them educational material on the John Birch Society.

Contacted by telephone in Sidney, Dasinger said he had hoped to send educational materials to Democrats in every county organization to allow political leaders to judge the John Birch Society on merits.

Dasinger, operator of a laundry and cleaners, said he already has names of Republican leaders from the days when he was active in Republican affairs.

"The John Birch Society never professed to be a political party and this is implied by Barrett," Dasinger said.

"Lumping the society with the Ku Klux Klan and Communist party is an effort to make the Birch Society look like a subversive organization."

In his speech and in his letter, Barrett said "there was no useful purpose to be achieved in consenting" to Dasinger's request for a mailing list.

Barrett said: "The Montana Democratic party condemns extremism on the left as well as the right and will not knowingly aid or abet either.

"We can see no point in dealing with an organization such as the Birch Society whose leader has labeled former President Eisenhower a 'conscious, dedicated agent of the Communists,' and who said in a confidential manuscript that Milton Eisenhower was his brother's superior in the Communist party, and whose official publication, American Opinion, attacked the late President John F. Kennedy and stated he was assassinated because he was falling behind in the Communist timetable for the takeover of the United States."

Dasinger, in response to these charges, said the allusions were

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taken out of context "without reference to documentation or qualification."

He said, "Everything in Birch Society publications is not society policy and generally is the opinion of one individual."

Dasinger said the publications referred to by Barrett were available for anyone "to read and judge on its own merits."

Barrett suggested Dasinger read a quotation from President Kennedy at the next meeting of the Sidney Birch Society.

The quotation: "Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence in one another, rather than in crusades of suspicion."

Dasinger countered with a quote of his own from Thomas Jefferson:

"Place not your confidence in men but bind them down with the chains of the Constitution."

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John Birch Society coordinator may seek election to Congress

SIDNEY (AP) — An avowed member of the John Birch Society said Saturday he may run for political office, probably as a Republican.

Math J. Dasinger of Sidney made the announcement as he revealed his resignation as Montana coordinator for the Massachusetts-based organization.

Dasinger, operator of a Sidney laundry and cleaning business, said he has obtained nominating petitions for both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Dasinger thus became the fifth Republican to express interest in the two congressional campaigns.

At last report Gov. Tim Babcock and Rep. James Battin said they were undecided but were weighing the choices.

State Rep. James Lucas of Custer County has said he might be interested in Congress.

State GOP Chairman Mel Engles, who will not seek re-election at the party's convention later this month, has announced he may seek the Republican nomination for the Senate or House.

Dasinger said neither major party is stating the true issues.

"We've got to give 'em (conservatives) some place to go," he said.

Dasinger called President Johnson's poverty program "the biggest fraud ever perpetrated on American people."

Dasinger said he will remain a member of the Birch Society.

Last December, the Montana Republican State Central Committee announced a repudiation of the society, saying members "demonstrate by their methods, their leadership and their policies that they fail to meet the standards or follow the traditions of the Republican party."

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2-Montana Standard
Butte, Montana

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John Birch Member Offers Information

An advertisement in the Billings Gazette inviting questions about the John Birch Society has been placed by a man who says he wants to give people a chance to find out more about the organization.

Henry Barnes, recently retired from military service, said he intends to keep the offer open for a week.

The ad lists the phone number of an answering service which takes the caller's name and phone number. Barnes checks the answering service at intervals and calls the interested parties back.

Barnes said he is unemployed at present and is thinking of going back to school, possibly at EMC.

A member of the society, Barnes said the group is growing "very rapidly" in the Billings area and he hopes for even better growth.

Despite this, he admitted the response to his ad was "poor" on its first day.

He said he would like to maintan the information service indefinitely, but said the expense of running the advertisement and maintaining the answering service will probably prohibit this.

He added that he might extend the service if response to the ad indicates enough interest.

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Billings, Montana

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Birch Society Names Official For Idaho Area

Mark E. Anderson, recently in charge of real estate in the Mormon Church building department and a practicing Salt Lake attorney, has accepted a position with the John Birch Society as full-time coordinator for the State of Idaho.

Anderson's duties will include coordinating all society activities in Idaho. He will be available to any interested groups, he said.

Anderson said the society would not endorse or support any political candidate in Idaho, but individual members may do so.

Anderson is a former President of the Finnish LDS Mission and also served as a legal counsel for the church in Europe. He has been branch president in Greeley, Colo.; district president in North Colorado; stake mission president in Pocatello, and high priest group leader and stake M-Man advisor in Salt Lake City.

Born in Idaho, Anderson attended Pocatello schools, Idaho State College, and graduated from Brigham Young University and the University of Utah Law School. He has been a member of the Utah Bar Association since 1957. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jared O. Anderson of Pocatello.

He is married to the former Marilyn Felt, a violinist in the Utah Symphony. They have two children. They reside at 1429 South 15th East, Salt Lake City, and list a Pocatello address as 1016 Yellowstone.

MARK E. ANDERSON
Pocatello Native

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Pocatello, Idaho

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WANTS BOOK STORES

John Birch Society Plans To Recruit, Grow in Idaho

By JIM ADAMS

BOISE (AP) — How big an influence does the John Birch Society have in Idaho politics?

It may be considerable.

There were significant conservative victories in the Aug. 2 primary. Four days later the society announced appointment of a fulltime coordinator for the state and opening of a bookstore in Boise.

"We cannot afford to ignore the Birch invasion of Idaho," commented State Sen. Perry Swisher of Pocatello, elected as a Republican but now an independent.

At least one supporter of Gov. Robert E. Smylie believed the Birch Society played a decisive role in his primary defeat to "get back" at Smylie for his insistence that the national Republican Party condemn the Birchers by name.

Birch Society officials in Idaho deny they have all that much influence.

Mark E. Anderson, the Salt Lake City attorney named Birch coordinator in Idaho, claims the timing of his appointment so near the primary election was purely coincidental.

He says society leader Robert Welch's staff notified him July 27 that Utah and Idaho were too much for one coordinator to handle and that he would become Idaho coordinator effective Aug. 1.

What about the belief that Birchers had helped beat Smylie and now were ready to harvest a conservative resurgence in the state?

"I doubt it," he said. "I think the society would be more interested in some of the national elections than the one in Idaho."

The Birch Society maintains that it supports no political candidates. But Anderson concedes the obvious: Birchers are conservative, they're alarmed at what they believe to be a sweeping socialist trend and they're going to support conservative candidates they think can do something about it.

Anderson said the society members individually, not the society, take such political action.

Anderson said the Birch Society has 30 to 40 chapters in southern Idaho — the northern Panhandle is in another jurisdiction — and each chapter has 10 to 30 members.

Anderson said there is nothing secret about the society except its refusal to name members.

He said his job as coordinator will be to help organize new chapters, get the Birch Society point across and recruit new members.

Anderson's answer to Swisher's warning of a Birch invasion is: "I'm the total invasion."

That isn't entirely true.

Southwest Idaho Birch Society members already had made plans to open a Birch bookstore in Boise.

Jack Blevins, chairman of the book store corporation, says it is locally financed and was organized independently of a coordinated Birch Society expansion in Idaho.

He said southwest Idaho members have been trying to organize the bookstore for three years and originally had planned to open it July 4.

"We want to get the conservative view across," he said. "The only point of view now comes from television and the press. You do not get the conservative view."

Anderson said the society hopes more bookstores will be added in Pocatello, Twin Falls and other Idaho cities.

He accepts the widespread attacks on the society as a fact.

He is optimistic things will change.

"Six to 12 legislative candidates ran in Utah as known Birch Society members," he said, "and they were accepted quite well."

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Birch Society Meeting Collects Dues, Stamps, Hears Welch's Message

(This is the fifth in a series on the John Birch Society)

By KEN ROBISON
Statesman Staff Writer

Chapters of the John Birch Society meet one afternoon or evening a month in the homes of members to go over the latest bulletin from headquarters in Belmont, Mass., and discuss and plan activities and projects.

Each chapter is headed by a chapter leader who in turn is responsible to a section leader. The section leader is advised by a regional or state coordinator.

I was granted permission to attend a meeting of a Birch Society chapter in Nampa. The Society is trying to dispel some of its past reputation for secrecy and I was advised that anyone is free to attend a Birch Society meeting any time he wishes.

Youth Is Leader

The hosts were an older man who operates his own small business and his wife, both gracious and friendly.

James Waite, the senior section leader for the area, opened the meeting but left shortly after the chapter leader arrived. The chapter head was a pleasant young man in his early 30s.

The only others present were two young men. After the meeting closed another member arrived, an aunt of one of them. Waite explained that some of the chapter's former members had gone into a new chapter that had just been organized.

The meeting opened with a prayer and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Each member paid his dues — $2 a month for men and $1 a month for women.

Collects Trading Stamps

Waite discussed plans to open the Birch bookstore in Boise the next day. He collected books of trading stamps contributed by members to buy chairs for the

The chapter leader said that 92 per cent of the Warren court's decisions relating to questions of Communism had favored the Communists.

Withdrawal Urged

The third item was the Birch campaign to get the United States out of the United Nations. Birch members have already put up a sign on the east side of Nampa urging withdrawal from the United Nations, and the impeachment of Earl Warren.

Next came civil rights. Welch reported completion of a new 16 millimeter film called "Anarchy U.S.A." He said, "we believe that this film will awaken any patriotic American who sees it to the real meaning of the sinister events now making headlines in so many newspapers across our country, under the general heading of civil rights."

The fifth item was the Liberty Amendment, which would eliminate the federal personal income tax and abolish most activities of the federal government.

Next came Support Your Local Police. The Birch Society emphasizes that the job of the police has been made more difficult by court decisions emphasizing individual rights. In some cities the Society has courted the membership of policemen.

Plugs Bookstore

Welch suggested that American Opinion bookstores give a free book to first-time visitors to encourage their return. He also encouraged the Birch members to take friends or acquaintances to visit their local bookstore.

Members were urged to arrange speeches by people from the Birch Society's American Opinion Speakers Bureau. In addition to Birch leaders the roster includes former FBI

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Most of the meeting was devoted to the monthly bulletin from Robert Welch, and the agenda for the month.

First, members were urged to do some recruiting, using a presentation of the One Dozen Trumpets, an 18-hour recording of the voice of Robert Welch, which can be purchased through Birch bookstores for $25.

Asks Phone Drive

Welch also urged a telephone campaign, asking, "What do you really know about The John Birch Society," and, if the opening was favorable, "Would you like to know more?"

A couple of the members said they had talked to persons whom they considered prospects for society membership.

Second on the agenda was the society's campaign to impeach Earl Warren, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Welch wrote that this effort has been given new ammunition by recent court decisions "on the side of criminals and the Communists" which impose tighter restrictions on gathering of criminal evidence.

Stone, originator of the Liberty Amendment; Mrs. Julia Brown, a Negro former Communist and informant for the government; Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma, Ala., and George Schuyler, a conservative Negro newspaper columnist.

Mrs. Brown spoke in Boise last January, supporting the Birch theme that the civil rights movement is Communist inspired.

The bulletin urged members to set up a study club for a 12-week course, using the One Dozen Candles as the core of the curriculum. The candles series is made up of 12 books and pamphlets which are considered basic reading for Birch members.

Next the chapter was urged to get the Birch Weekly "Review of the News" into the waiting rooms of doctors and dentists.

Offer Subscription Cost

The members decided instead to try to find a doctor or dentist willing to have the monthly American Opinion in his waiting room. They agreed to contribute the $10 a year subscription cost.

Welch advised members to read his booklet, "On the Shape of Things to Come," which describes the "relationship between the British course and the American course, down the toboggan slide of socialism into the poisonous morass of Communism at the bottom . . ."

On Viet Nam, Welch suggested members buy stickers asking "When are we going to WIN in Viet Nam — and Why Not?"

The members were urged to be good citizens, including working and voting for candidates "whenever and wherever there is one who merits your support."

Eye Radio Broadcast

Final item on the agenda was the John Birch Society report, a weekly radio program now on 168 stations. Members briefly discussed the desirability of getting it on a station in the Nampa area.

The chapter leader explained, for my benefit, the "Member's Monthly Message," a form which members fill out monthly and send to Birch Society headquarters.

A member can air grievances or make suggestions. He may also enclose a contribution to the society. I was told that the MMM helps keep Communists out of the Society since a member who suspects another of being a Communist infiltrator can report it.

(Next: About the Liberty Amendment.)

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John Birch Society Seeks to Reduce Size, Power Of Federal Government to Minimize 'Interference'

(This is the sixth in a series on the John Birch Society.)

By KEN ROBISON
Statesman Staff Writer

The approach of the John Birch Society to government, basically, is to reduce its size and power.

Robert Welch wrote in the Blue Book, the basic founding statement for the Society, that the essential test of government is not its form, but the degree to which it interferes with personal lives.

He wrote that "rampant interference" is to be found just as readily under an elected government as under hereditary monarchs.

"In fact . . . when an elected government succeeds in attracting and maintaining an overwhelming majority behind it for any length of time, its mob instincts make it the most tyrannical of all forms of social organization."

Calls Democracy 'Fraud'

Welch also wrote that democracy is "merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demogoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The Birch Society emphasizes that the government of the United States is a Republican government and not a democracy, meaning that the people elect representatives to decide public questions rather than deciding them themselves.

Welch declared that America would be better off "with a government of 300,000 officials and agents, every single one of them a thief, than a government of three million agents, with every one of them an honest, honorable public servant."

Sees Criminal Tendencies

As to government itself, he said it is "frequently evil."

"And we do not mean by this that they (governments)' are merely dishonest. For all governments, with very rare exceptions indeed, are thoroughly dishonest . . . An obvious reason for this is the greater temptation to criminality on the part of those who control or influence the police power of a nation, of which they would otherwise stand in more fear. Another is that ambitious men with criminal tendencies naturally gravitate into government because of this very prospect of doing, or helping to do, the policing over themselves. A third reason is that so many apologists can always be found for criminal acts of government, on grounds that such acts ultimately contribute to the public good . . ."

The official slogan of the Birch Society is to promote "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

The Society supports the Liberty Amendment, which would eliminate the personal federal income tax and most activities of the federal government. Its backers say the government would have three years to sell and liquidate all of its "business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprises" except those specified in the constitution.

The Liberty Amendment would, in one step, according to its backers, eliminate the overgrown federal bureaucracy which interferes too much in the private affairs of the nation's citizens.

Backers of the amendment object to the income tax and its graduated rates on grounds that it redistributes wealth "in accordance with a preconceived plan for highly questionable social justice" and that it places "all producers of wealth at the mercy of the federal government."

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Authority Limited

According to the backers of the Liberty Amendment, the federal government has authority to exercise only those functions which were specifically defined in the constitution — the Post Office system, the armed forces and functions connected with them.

The Social Security system, described as unconstitutional by backers of the amendment, would be eliminated.

Public grazing, forest, park and other federal lands would revert from the federal government to the states. It is suggested by the authors of a book supporting the amendment that the states would sell much of the land. They say the Constitution doesn't permit the federal government to own one acre of land outside of the District of Columbia.

The amendment would eliminate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which conducts the space program, and civilian functions of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Agencies Listed

Also eliminated would be the agencies which have built and developed the public water and land resources of the nation including the Bureau of Reclamation, the civil function of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the Soil Conservation Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Also among agencies eliminated would be the Bureau of Public Roads, the National Labor Relations Board, the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the Postal Savings system and the Small Business Administration.

Based on 1962 figures, when the book was written, the authors said the federal government, including the defense functions, could be operated without the personal income tax.

Would Axe Budget

They proposed cutting the military defense budget and the military assistance budget to other nations in half, a reduction by four-fifths in development and control of atomic energy, reduction of the public health budget from $1 billion to $163 million and elimination of the $3.3 billion farm program.

Also eliminated would be public welfare, conservation and development of agricultural land and water resources, and conservation and development of other land and water resources.

The authors said some of the functions would be taken over by state governments. But they also anticipated "the possibility and desirability of reducing or eliminating other types of taxes — federal, state and local — after the Liberty Amendment has been in effect a few years."

Supporters of the amendment complain that the progressive rates of the personal income tax take money from the well-to-do to care for the poor under the welfare program.

Waite Shares Views

James Waite of Nampa, senior Birch section leader in this area, who said he spoke for himself rather than for the Society, said he doesn't believe it is a function of government "to meddle in a free economy."

"For instance, what business does the government have in lending money to private individuals and companies? It is the government's business to offer the equal opportunity to obtain the economic status."

As to welfare, he said that the individual's responsibility to help another man cannot be transferred to the government.

The Liberty Amendment was introduced in the Idaho Legislature in 1963 and considered by the Senate. It failed to pass by a narrow margin.

(Next: Boise Birch member speaks out).

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Birch Society Uses Republican Party to Further Welch's Political Aims

(This is the ninth and last in a series on the John Birch Society).

By KEN ROBISON
Statesman Staff Writer

The arena in which members of the John Birch Society have been the most active in Idaho is the Republican party.

Birch strength and activity within the party is a sensitive subject because Republicans disagree sharply over the merit of the society. Some party members are reluctant to discuss it publicly.

Views range from enthusiastic praise of the society to complete rejection and a desire to formally repudiate it.

Members of the society have been running for and winning positions as precinct committeemen in the Republican party in Ada and other Idaho counties since 1962.

Not All Republicans

Birch members were enthusiastic participants in the campaign for Senator Barry Goldwater in Idaho in 1964. They joined with other conservatives to insure the state's backing of Goldwater at the national convention.

As Republicans who are unhappy about seeing the party associated in the public view with the Birch Society point out, not all members of the society are Republicans. Some are Democrats.

But in Idaho, as in California, Washington and other states, members of the society who participate in politics have usually chosen the Republican party. They have picked it as the vehicle through which to promote Robert Welch's goal of putting "our weight into the political scales of this country."

The range of opinion about the Birch Society within the Republican party in Idaho includes these views:

Views Vary

— Although the Birch Society's anti-communism and emphasis on individual freedom are commendable, other doctrines of the society along with its structure and methods are alien to traditional Republican principles. An organization which engages in "character assassination" of prominent Republicans, including the only Republican president of the last 30 years, has no place in the Republican party.

Some of these Republicans are convinced that the Birch Society is working for the society's goals and not the goals of the party. And they reject as absurd the society's position that a vast internal conspiracy has swallowed the country and is converting it to communism. They prefer to blame the growth of the federal bureaucracy and federal power on Democrats rather than Communists and to emphasize the need to combat it through the Republican party.

These Republicans maintain that the society's basic proposals — withdrawal from the United Nations, impeachment of Earl Warren, withdrawal and isolation in world affairs and reduction of the federal government to Post Office and military functions — represents a grossly oversimplified approach to politics that doesn't come to grips with the realities of an industrial society and is a radical departure from Republican platforms and principles. Some also fear that the Birch Society intends to take over the party.

See Liability

— Party members who tend to agree with the society's goals, at least on a limited basis, are less critical. But even some who are in general agreement with the society believe that it is a liability to the party because of its public reputation. Some in this category may also consider the society's campaigns for withdrawal from the United Nations and impeachment of Earl Warren as exercises in futility. Such Republicans may welcome participation of Birch Society members in the party — while privately expressing an opinion that they wish the society would "dry up and blow away." While they are not inclined to argue with the goals of the society, they feel it is ineffective and detracts from the overall party effort. As one GOP leader put it, "you go one step forward and two steps backward every time the Birch Society does something."

— Some are enthusiastic about the Birch Society and the participation of its members in the party. Those in this category often also tend to agree with Birch doctrines. They regard the society as valuable in keeping the Republican party on the conservative path it adopted in 1964, and even to taking it further to the right.

Repudiation Unlikely

Control of the party in Idaho is largely in the hands of conservatives. Unless traditional conservatives become disillusioned in greater numbers it appears unlikely that any effort will develop to repudiate the Birch Society.

None of the party's nominees for major office, with the exception of a few legislative candidates, have indicated a disposition to take a stand against the society. And the party policy in an election year is to stir up as little dissension as possible.

One of the most enthusiastic champions of the Birch Society among Republican county chairmen is Dr. John Ghiglieri of Bonners Ferry.

He said Birch Society members are well-informed, capable party workers. The liberals, he said, "are using the Birch Society in an attempt to discredit the whole conservative movement."

Should Welcome Members

In Kootenai County, Dr. Paul Shrum of Hayden Lake, said he thinks the party should welcome Birch Society members "so long as they keep the activities (party and Birch Society) mutually exclusive."

In Bonneville County, chairman Richard R. Smith said he doesn't disagree very much with the Birch Society, but believes Republicans would be more effective workers for the party if they were not in the society.

"It's a tremendously wasted effort," he said. "I think 99 per cent of the people (Birch members) work for the same things I do. But they start off with a bad name, so they are ineffective."

Smith said he advises acquaintances not to join the Birch Society and opposes membership of Birchers on the Republican central committee. He said dominant political sentiment in Bonneville County is "pretty darn conservative, but I think it is a healthy conservatism. I think it's constructive."

Defends Member

In Canyon County, Republican chairman G. Richard Brown said that members of the Birch Society "have very little use for Socialists or Communists and this applies to me. The people (Birch members) I know are 100 per cent American and good citizens."

He said he accepted an invitation to speak before a Birch Society study group and was impressed by the interest in government.

"I don't think the John Birch Society is anything but the study of communism and how to combat it," he said. "This is all right with me. I don't want this to be a Communist nation."

Bannock County Republican Chairman Kent Parrish of Pocatello said that two or three years ago the Birch Society may have been an asset. But he said since then its views have become more extreme. Parrish said some "of the basic attitudes" of the society "are too extreme for me personally."

Aims at Expansion

Robert Welch made clear in launching a major fund-raising drive in March, 1965, that it was aimed at promoting expansion of the Birch Society to exert influence in the 1966 congressional elections. The appeal was directed primarily to wealthy businessmen who had supported the society in the past.

Also used to raise money were testimonial dinners for Welch around the country, including one in Salt Lake City last spring.

Welch wrote:

"There are 435 congressional districts in the United States. Except in extremely rare instances and under the most unusual circumstances, there is no doubt that 100 chapters of the John Birch Society, in any congressional district, can exercise enough influence over political thinking within that district to control the political action there."

He wrote that even 50 chapters, with a total membership of 1,000, would have great impact.

"Think of your own congressional district and imagine 1,000 truly informed and deeply dedicated neighborhood, community and regional leaders, ceaselessly at work — nights as well as days, and weekends as well as nights — to inform and convince their fellow citizens."

The Birch Society has taken an official interest in an issue which is of concern in Idaho this year. Welch in a bulletin expressed opposition to sales taxes, saying they are no better than the income tax.

Church Controversy

The Birch Society has been a subject of controversy within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has many members in Southern Idaho.

Some non-Birch members of the church have felt that the society has sought to use the influence of Ezra Taft Benson, a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, to try to recruit within the church.

Benson has praised the society and has spoken at a testimonial dinner for Robert Welch. His son, Reed Benson, formerly Birch Society coordinator for Utah and Idaho, is now the society's public relations representative in Washington, D.C.

Birch critics believe it was no accident that the announcement of the appointment of Mark E. Anderson of Salt Lake City as Birch coordinator for Idaho a few weeks ago pointed out his former connection with the church building department.

Coincidence Noted

They also note that Anderson came into Idaho and began traveling around on behalf of the Birch Society right in the middle of the Idaho political campaign.

Church members emphasize that they enjoy full political freedom and that the church hierarchy cannot dictate political views.

But there is a division within the church over the question of Benson's support of the Birch Society. There is concern that an even greater schism may develop when the time comes to name a successor to the 92-year-old president of the church, David O. McKay.

How much power does the Birch Society wield in Ada County?

It is almost impossible to assess Birch influence since on some local issues and candidates more moderate conservatives may have similar views. But as the Birch Society itself is convinced, it is possible for a well-organized minority to influence more than its own numbers.

Views Given

Ada County candidates for county offices and for the legislature were asked to give their assessment of Birch influence on Ada County politics.

Of the 18 who made an assessment, seven rated Birch influence as moderate — enough to sway some votes but not enough to affect the outcome of anything but a very close election.

One rated it as potent, saying that any weight in a close election is potent. One rated it as potent to moderate.

Seven rated it as weak — no significant influence. Two others rated it as moderate to weak. One emphasized that he considered the Birch Society more effective in primary elections than general elections.

Pressures Used

The John Birch Society has attempted, with little success, to make its influence felt in the Idaho Legislature. It appears likely that Birch members will be better organized at the next session and more active than in the past.

Ada County legislators came under strong pressure from Birch members and others in the last session to oppose the legislation that permits Idaho cities to participate in urban renewal projects, using federal funds. An attempt to repeal the law is expected in the next session.

Birch members were also active in a Committee for the Liberty Amendment, but the amendment was not considered by the lawmakers. It was almost passed by the Senate in 1963 when some of the senators were not fully acquainted with what it would do.

The Birch Society is able to mobilize pressure on legislators in the form of statewide letter-writing campaigns. Individuals also talk to individual lawmakers, though they don't usually identify themselves as Birch members.

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Birch Society Members Find Seats On Committee Opposing Zoning Law

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By KEN ROBISON
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Nearly 500 persons turned out last July 14th at Meridian for a meeting called to organize a committee to oppose provisions of a proposed zoning ordinance for Ada County.

The great majority were interested in zoning and nothing else. But a few suspected that the ordinance was part of a conspiracy to erase county and state boundary lines, collectivize the country and take it into a world government.

This theory of conspiracy is unfolded in a book entitled "Terrible 1313 Revisited" which for one week was tenth on the best seller list at the Book Shop in Boise. It is also available at the John Birch Society's American Opinion bookstore.

Birch Member Elected

A Birch Society member, Mrs. Mary Jane Root of Boise, served as parliamentarian for the organizing meeting. She was not nominated for an office but William Clements, a Birch Society section leader, was nominated and elected vice chairman. Ronald Rice of Meridian, the chairman, said there are no other Birch members on the executive board.

The group took the name Citizens Committee for Fair Zoning. Its declared purpose is to bring the ordinance and its provisions to the attention of the public and to recommend changes to objectionable portions.

There was no official invitation to county officials to attend or participate in the organizing meeting. But an anonymous woman telephone caller advised one of the county commissioners that it was being conducted.

The zoning ordinance was not in final form. The County Planning and Zoning Commission had completed hearings on it and had not acted on it and submitted it to the commissioners. None of the county commissioners attended, but County Planning Director Lynn Rogers went to the meeting.

After the executive board was elected, Rogers described the reasons for the ordinance and answered questions about its provisions.

Given Book

[illegible] Mrs. Root protest against the executive board's action in excluding the press. Vawter was removed as president by vote of other members of the executive board July 21. He signed a statement which gave ill health as the reason.

Some members of the committee also privately expressed dissatisfaction with some of the group's leadership. They indicated that they are concerned only about the zoning ordinance and its provisions.

The "Terrible 1313" conspiracy doctrine is not used only in opposition to zoning. It is part of the ammunition of the Citizens Committee for the Protection of Property Rights, headed by Mrs. Root, which opposes urban renewal in downtown Boise.

She said she fears that urban renewal "will eventually end up in metropolitan government and take local control from the people."

Infer Sinister Aims

Jo Hindman, author of "Terrible 1313," bases the conspiracy theory on the location of the offices of 23 state and local government associations, some of them related, in the same office building at 1313 East 60th Street in Chicago.

The hidden entity that the author concludes is pulling the strings at 1313 is given the name "Metro" — which refers to the metropolitan government in use in Dade County, Florida.

The existence of the conspiracy is based largely on speculation and the author leaps from one speculative conclusion to another. For example:

Road to Communism

"Although Metro government personifies totalitarian collectivism, it is quite obvious that the overt leaders of Metro necessarily are not identified as "card - carrying Communists." Metro's hidden leaders quite possibly could be. If the latter possibility could be true, the Metro hidden brain trust needs merely to wait out the conversion of the U.S.A. into a conveniently collectivized unit, after which their presidium or oligarchy could move in to superimpose the total Communist capping."

Organizations with offices at 1313 which are identified by the author as part of the conspiracy include the Council of State

The metropolitan concept was voted in by the people in 1957. Kassewitz said there has been opposition to the metro system and several elections have been conducted, but it has always been sustained. It takes 10,000 signitures on petitions to call an election.

The metropolitan government maintains countywide police and fire departments and operates a single county hospital. Kassewitz said that a countywide sanitary sewer service and a county library system are in the process of being established. The 27 local governments continue to function.

Commissioners Rule

The metropolitan government is administered by nine commissioners, elected on a countywide basis. The commission sets policy and appoints the county manager.

Under an amendment to the state constitution, Kassewitz said, the metropolitan government was given legislative authority on limited local government matters for which local government was previously dependent on the legislature. He said a juvenile court system was held back for several years because of opposition from other parts of the state.

Myran Schlechte, director of the Idaho Legislative Council, said the Council of State Governments is no more than a loose association with no real power.

Purpose Explained

It provides a forum, he said, for people in state government to discuss common problems once a year. The Council also puts out statistics on state government and publications that deal with state government problems.

As evidence of a desire of the Council of State Governments to destroy state boundary lines Terrible 1313 cites interstate compacts.

States use compacts to cooperate on matters of common concern. They have to be ratified by both houses of the legislature, and some must also be approved by Congress.

An example is a reciprocal agreement for enforcement of child support decrees in divorce cases. Under the agreement it is possible for another state to prosecute a man who moves to that state and fails to pay sup-

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gave Rogers a copy of "Terrible 1313 Revisited."

In succeeding weeks members of the executive board conducted four public meetings — at Eagle, Meridian, Kuna and the Holcomb Grange Hall in Boise.

Executive board members described in detail provisions of the ordinance they considered objectionable. They did not attack the county officials, although they suggested that the ordinance called for property control and read statements warning of the tyranny of government.

A few members of the audience went further. They attacked the county commissioners and zoning commissioners as would-be dictators attempting to impose control over the county.

There was some confusion over legislation on zoning. It was suggested at times that the right of the people of Ada County to vote on a zoning ordinance had been taken away by a law passed by the 1965 legislature and sample bumper stickers were prepared calling for repeal of this law.

Had No Effect

As executive board members at times themselves indicated, however, this law had no effect on Ada County. The county had been given authority to zone in 1957 with no provision for a vote on a final draft of an ordinance.

Rice and another member went to see the county commissioners after the committee had conducted three of its informational meetings. Rice said the commissioners indicated they would be happy to consider recommendations for changes in the ordinance.

Attendance at the meetings dwindled. The Kuna meeting attracted about 200, with well under half indicating that they were from the Kuna area. The Holcomb Grange meeting attracted 70.

The first membership meeting of the committee since the organizational meeting was conducted at Meridian Sept. 6 and

Conference, the National Association of Attorneys-General and the American Municipal Association.

Miami Cited

From the Terrible 1313 viewpoint, hardly any state or local government escapes contamination from the Metro conspiracy.

The author attacks urban renewal, city manager government, city-county government and zoning as all part of the conspiracy.

The author of Terrible 1313 bases the conclusion that metropolitan government is unpopular in Dade County on the Miami papers.

"Now, if what Florida papers say is true — and we have no reason to doubt them — all is not well in Miami-Dade. According to its papers, Metro has run away with the citizens' government."

Defends Metro

But Jack Kassewitz, chief editorial writer of the Miami News said that the metropolitan government is operating successfully. He said the Terrible 1313 conspiracy doctrine had been raised in Dade County but "nobody pays any attention to it down here."

The Dade County Metro government is described as an attempt to consolidate some of the functions of local government in a metropolitan area of 1,200,000 persons that includes 27 municipalities.

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Kept Congress Out

Schlechte said one of the best compacts is an 11-state agreement on truck taxes that gives truckers more freedom in traveling through the states.

"This is probably one of the few things that has kept Congress from having nationwide uniform taxation of trucks," he said.

The Governor's Conference is a part of the Council of State Governments. One of the purposes of the Governor's Conference is to help governors work together to resist federal encroachment on the powers of the states.

A study committee of the Governor's Conference this year recommended that the federal government either return some of its income tax collections to the states or permit a credit on federal income tax for state taxes.

Terrible 1313 urges a campaign to cut off state funds for the support of the Council of State Governments. Idaho's contribution to the Council is $2,500 a year.

Came the Deluge

The 1313 conspiracy doctrine has been floating around for several years.

In November, 1962 The Statesman, city officials and clergymen were suddenly deluged with letters warning against going "metro." Somehow writers in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho had been advised that Boise was about to adopt a city-county government.

Their letters reflected the Terrible 1313 doctrine that any effort to consolidate or reorganize government at the local level would be a step toward world government.

(Next and last: How Republican leaders view JBS.)

Utah Mayor Raps Items on Ballot

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Salt Lake City Mayor J. Bracken Lee said Saturday that he will oppose all eight constitutional propositions which will be on the Utah ballot in the November general election.

Mayor Lee said he opposes the propositions because "the

78 persons attended.

Not Notified

Executive board members had decided that the press would not be notified of the meeting and that reporters would not be admitted. They also decided not to take further memberships in the committee and only persons who held membership cards were admitted at the Sept. 6 meeting.

People had been invited to join by submitting their names and addresses and 50 cents.

When reporters appeared at the Sept. 6 meeting they were advised that the press was excluded. However, two newsmen were admitted because they held memberships in the committee.

When the question of excluding the press was raised the members voted unanimously to reverse the decision of the executive board and to admit all newsmen. Most of them, however, had gone by this time.

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Boise Mother Active in John Birch Society Finds 'Truth' in Group's Beliefs

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By KEN ROBISON
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One of the most active members of the John Birch Society in Ada County is Mrs. Mary Jane Root, the attractive mother of six children and wife of a Boise physician.

She has won public attention largely in her position as chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Protection of Property Rights, which was organized last fall to battle the proposed urban renewal project for downtown Boise.

Mrs. Root said she joined the John Birch Society after her family moved to Boise three years ago from California.

"In California I had worked for about 10 years in the PTA," she said. "The kids weren't learning to read or write. I began to inquire. They began to accuse me of being a member of the John Birch Society."

Joined in Idaho

She said when she investigated the Society and its beliefs it sounded like the truth. She and her husband joined when they came to Idaho.

Mrs. Root said Communists and liberals "have been very successful in smearing the John Birch Society." But she said in the last two years the attitude toward the Society has become more friendly — because people have seen that the organization goes quietly about its activities and doesn't engage in rioting or demonstrations.

"The first criticism of the Birch Society came from the Daily Worker, a Communist newspaper, then went out over the left wing press," she said.

Mrs. Root said some of the Birch members were disturbed "but later they began to laugh about it."

Sees Conspiracy

Mrs. Root disagrees with critics who say the Birch Society is ineffective in promoting the conservative cause. She said it has been "growing and growing and growing."

Through the Birch Society, she said, she is "able to obtain literature, read and help teach other people."

"I do believe there is a conspiracy," she said. "The answer to it is to wake up the American people and get those into office who can change things. We're not just moving down the road to socialism by accident."

Mrs. Root said she believes the textbooks used in the public schools reflect the thinking of 12 people with Fabian Socialist backgrounds, including the late George Bernard Shaw. She said a woman in Millbrae, Calif. has written a book describing the background of the 12 and their influence.

She said she believes that information in the schools is controlled "so the kids are learning socialism."

Wants 'Birch' Taught

"When I went to the University of Utah most of my philosophy and social science professors were of this socialistic bent. It was not until 1961 when I read The Naked Communist (by W. Cleon Skousen) that I got a clear picture of where we were going. Then I began to read and read."

Mrs. Root said she is willing to leave the "socialistic" books in the schools, but believes the Birch Society literature should also be admitted.

"Why do they push all the Birch Society material out?" she said. "I'm not afraid of putting our information to the side of theirs."

Mrs. Root said the John Birch Society believes in constitutional government, which means that the government should exercise "just enough power to keep order in the country and protect us in time of war." To the right of that position in the political spectrum, she said, is anarchy, and to the extreme left is dictatorship.

Against Public Welfare

Under a socialist philosophy, she said, "they will eventually do all your planning for you. I want to be able to do with my property what I wish."

Mrs. Root said she doesn't believe in public welfare. In the farming community in eastern Idaho where she grew up, she said, no one ever went without. She said she also opposes Social Security.

"The whole bent of socialism is to take care of people from the cradle to the grave instead of letting them do it themselves, letting them prepare for their own retirement," she said.

"People should have the right to fail, the same as the right to succeed."

No 'Menial' Help

While many are on welfare "people are crying for household workers to help in the home," she said. "You can't get people to do a lot of the menial tasks. I feel there is plenty of work available. If I had to do it I would."

Mrs. Root said if a parent doesn't provide for a child "society has no obligation." She said if there were no government welfare and people were left to take care of each other "there would be a good neighbor who would step in, or a church."

Sees Control Wrested

Five persons, including herself, met to organize the committee opposing the urban renewal proposal, she said, and she was chosen as chairman.

She said the committee feels that urban renewal "will eventually end up in metropolitan government and take local control from the people."

From an office in Chicago (1313 East 60th Street) she said, "comes this 'planning for integrating cities' and erasing boundary lines—all a move toward more centralized government. You'll see all over the country, too, a consolidation of school boards, unification of school districts, a unification of Girl Scout councils. This means stronger centralization, which means officials are no longer so close to the people."

Mrs. Root said the committee has appealed to the Supreme Court to establish the right of referendum and recall — which she said city attorney C. Stanley Skiles has declared was lost with the city charter voted on in 1961.

Questions Government

A lot of people, she said, are asking "what about representative government?"

"We're just appalled as voters to find the people we send into these offices aren't carrying out our wishes. What other course do we have but to bring this back to the people? We don't feel that we have representative government when we try to figure out what a man's philosophy is and he goes ahead and does the exact opposite."

(Next: The fight against the county zoning proposals.)

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

P. O. Box 1157
Great Falls, Montana
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November 8, 1966

Mr. W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Butte, Montana 59701

Dear Mr. Alexander,

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] and has an office in the Barber-Lydiard Bldg., Great Falls, called at this office today and asked that the enclosed material be brought to your attention. He said that these items were delivered to his home last night by an unknown person and he considers them to be of an Un-American nature. [redacted] has home telephone number [redacted] and office number [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that he has information concerning a woman who lives near [redacted] who receives a large volume of mail from Russia and sends many letters to that place.

I assured [redacted] that these matters would be brought to your attention.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Resident Agent

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Freedom Now For The Birchers

New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's intolerant suggestion that members of the John Birch Society and other extremist groups should be barred from serving with the FBI and the Secret Service would never work unless he has some magic formula for determining which extremist groups are dangerous and which are not.

Unless the organization involved is clearly identified by the FBI or some other reliable source as a direct threat to the well-being of the nation, members of the organization cannot be discriminated against in employment of any kind on the ground of their membership in a given organization.

Those considered for employment, even in these admittedly sensitive areas, should be judged solely on their stability and general qualifications, and not on whether they are a Bircher, a Negro, a Catholic or a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. A man's private political views and affiliations should have no bearing on his right to hold a job if he is qualified for the position as an individual.

Anyone hired by the FBI, the Secret Service or Montgomery Ward who lets his affiliations interfere in any way with his work should be dismissed, but it must never be assumed—unless there is convincing evidence to the contrary—that *everyone* in a given grouping of Americans is unqualified because some members are.

It is true that the Birch Society has more than its share of crackpots and that many of them are impatient with such niceties as due process of law, which must be respected by every member of the FBI. But not even Kennedy would contend that all Birchers are total crackpots, incapable of performing the duties required of them. If only one member of the society is qualified and capable of putting his private political views aside, he should not be prevented from seeking any post he chooses.

Of course, the senator is as familiar as anyone with the individual rights of all Americans, including Birchers. It is to be hoped his statement was made with tongue in cheek and designed merely to give members of the society some of their own medicine. Many — but not all — of them have made similar suggestions about hiring practices involving other slightly erratic and unpopular minority groups. — B. H.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1672) (C) DATE: 12/27/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

In reference to information forwarded to the Butte Division by [redacted] RA, U. S. Secret Service, which he received from [redacted] montana, concerning an unknown woman living near [redacted] Montana, who reportedly receives a large volume of mail from Russia and sends many letters, an attempt was made to contact [redacted] on 12/5/66, without success.

On 12/19/66, [redacted] was contacted at his office and advised that he personally has no knowledge of the woman referred to by [redacted] but said he had discussed with [redacted] the fact that [redacted] both students at the Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, had told him that a woman who lived near them, whose name he thought was [redacted] received considerable mail from Russia and reportedly mailed considerable amount of material to unknown persons from the [redacted] Post Office, as well as in [redacted] stated that his [redacted] resides west of [redacted] and the information which is general in nature came from [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had contacted [redacted] in the absence of Agents from the RA, and turned over to him some information, which he said had been brought to his attention or sent to his home by an unknown person and which he thought referred to the John Birch Society. [redacted] reiterated that he has no personal knowledge of the activities of [redacted] is not acquainted with her, and is only repeating what he had heard from [redacted] who contact him frequently.

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mation, which he gave to [redacted] is in no way related to the [redacted] at [redacted] Montana, and he merely desired to call her name to the attention of the FBI in the event there was no prior information concerning her.

In view of the fact that this information undoubtedly refers to [redacted] already well known to the Butte Division, it is suggested that further inquiry in this matter is unwarranted at the present time.

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Birch Official To Show Movie

Mark Anderson, coordinator for the John Birch Society in Idaho and Utah, will present a movie on communism at Ashton Feb. 27, it was announced this week.

Free to the public, the movie will be shown at the American Legion hall at 7:30 p.m.

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John Birch Society Said Entrenched Here

The John Birch Society is firmly entrenched in East Idaho.

This observation was made Friday by the national public relations director for the society, John Rousselot of San Marino, Calif. He was in Idaho Falls to give two addresses.

He told a Post-Register reporter that the society has made substantial gains in East Idaho in membership, especially in the past year.

"One thing that helped was the attacks on the John Birch Society by ex-Gov. Robert E. Smylie," he said. "This caused people only to be inquisitive, and consequently many persons asked for literature explaining our philosophy."

Rousselot cited work by Idaho coordinator Mark Anderson in increasing local membership, which he says is more than 500 persons.

There are about 25 society chapters in East Idaho.

"This area is responsive because people here have strong constitutional beliefs, strong religious convictions, and many farming people who are strong individualists," Rousselot said. "We need supporters of our goal of less government and more individual responsibility."

He criticized socialistic tendencies and advocated the private enterprise system.

"Most of our goals are educational in nature, and we like situations in which people can articulate and understand the conservative point of view. We encourage members to be active in the party of their choice, and do not tell them how to vote," he said. "Members are about equal in party choice."

Section leader Dr. Byron Weeks said that two events are coming up in Idaho Falls that would be of interest to the public here.

A film on anarchy will be shown Feb. 22 in the courthouse, and on March 24, a former FBI informant will speak. She is Lolabelle Holmes, Chicago, Ill., who worked against the Communist party for several months.

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Birch Founder

ROBERT WELCH
... to speak Thursday

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Birch Chief Slates Talk In Meridian

Robert Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, will discuss Vietnam Thursday at 8 p.m. in a speech at Meridian High School.

James W. Waite, coordinator of the society for Western Idaho, said tickets will be on sale at the door for Welch's Boise Valley speech.

Attends Harvard

Welch is a native of North Carolina and was enrolled at the University of North Carolina at the age of 12. He attended the university for four years, spent two years at the United States Naval Academy, and attended Harvard Law School.

He has authorized several books, including "May God Forgive Us: the Life of John Birch" and "The Politician," a book about President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Gives Up Business

On Jan. 1, 1957, Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities in candy manufacturing and banking to devote his time to the John Birch Society.

He has traveled in Great Britain as well as in North America, the European continent, South America and Asia.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUTTE ~~(94-145-D)~~

DATE: 4/12/67

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ~~GIIF, BOISE, IDAHO and VICINITY~~ J.B.S.

On 4/11/67, [redacted] Idaho, advised that he has received information that several students from the College of Idaho at Caldwell, Idaho, are holding a meeting this evening on the College Campus to prepare for a student demonistration against the John Birch Society. [redacted] stated that ROBERT WELCH, head of the Society, is scheduled to give a talk on Thursday evening at the High School in Merridian, Idaho. [redacted] advised that the students are against the Society and may be planning trouble. He stated that there is no indication that the demonstration will have any anti-Viet Nam implications. He stated that he has a friend who will be at the student meeting this evening and he will advise of the results of the meeting.

On 4/12/67, [redacted] advised that the meeting held on the College of Idaho Campus last night was attended by appromimately 40 students. TERRY PHEMISTER, associated with the College of Idaho student newspaper, was the spokesman at the meeting. [redacted] advised that the meeting was also attended by [redacted] of the College [redacted] Department, who did not speak.

[redacted] advised that it was decided that at least 20 or more students would meet at the College of Idaho Campus on Thursday, 4/13/67 at 6:00 PM, and travel to the Merridian High School in caravan, where they would assemble outside the High School with signs of protest against the John Birch Society. [redacted] stated that the students were advised to dress neatly and to behave orderly. He stated that PHEMISTER told the students that they would have local television coverage by KTVB of Boise, Idaho. [redacted] stated that no plans were made at the meeting to include anti-Viet Nam protests in the demonstration.

On 4/12/67, the above information was furnished to [redacted] of the Ada County Sheriff's Office and Chief of Police GENE HINER, Merridian, Idaho, in the event the student demonstration could possibly get out of hand.

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Idaho Birchers claim recall movement against Sen. Church not their doing

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — The organizers of the John Birch Society bookstore in this north Idaho city are listed among the principals in the move to recall U.S. Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho.

But Mark Anderson, Idaho coordinator for the John Birch Society, said Wednesday the recall movement "is not a Birch operation."

It isn't certain how widespread the recall move is yet. Only the initial petition has been presented to the Idaho secretary of state.

This week syndicated columnist Drew Pearson alleged that the recall attempt had been planned by "executives" of the ultra-conservative Birch society.

Among the 20 signatures on the initial petition were those of Mrs. Elizabeth Methes and Mrs. Eva Burnham, both of Coeur D'Alene. Records in the Kootenai County recorder's office show the two women named do business in Coeur D'Alene as the American Opinion Library, one of numerous outlets for official John Birch Society publications.

The petition was presented Monday in Boise by Gene G. Milcek, a St. Maries dogcatcher, who said he is chairman of a group called the "Victory in Vietnam Committee."

Milcek indicated his organization seeks Church's recall because of a stand on the consular treaty with Russia. He said that in voting against amendments to postpone the treaty until Russian aid to North Vietnam stops Church "voted against every (U.S.) serviceman in Vietnam."

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Petition Asks Church Recall

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Twenty residents of Kootenai county, most of them residing in Coeur d'Alene, have filed a petition with Secy. of State Pete Cenarrusa at Boise, demanding a special election to recall U. S. Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho).

The petition, certified by County Clerk Harold E. Peterson and forwarded to Secretary of State, Pete Cenarrusa, contains signatures of 19 registered voters and one person unlisted on the county records, presumably from Benewah county.

The petition, filed late Monday, falls 25,240 signatures short of a recall election.

It demands the recall of Church from the Senate for two reasons:

—"Senator Church has consistently opposed military measures which would help win the war in Vietnam and save the lives of hundreds of Americans dying in Vietnam each week the war continues.

—"At a time when Americans are being killed in Vietnam by Russian bullets, fired from Russian guns, Senator Church, contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Idaho, has supported the Soviet Consular Treaty, thereby giving aid and comfort to the Soviet Union."

Cenarrusa said the petition was brought to his office at 5 p.m. Monday by a person who identified himself as Gene M. Mileck, 1221 College St. Maries. A Gene G. Mileck, St. Maries city dog catcher, sent a copy of the petition to United Press International and said it was circulated by a "statewide committee" he heads that is known as the "Victory in Vietnam Committee."

Cenarrusa said his office would put the petition on file but said "it's meaningless" so far because it lacks the required number of signatures. For a recall election, it takes the signatures of 25,259 voters—10 per cent of the aggregate vote cast for governor in the last general election.

Birch Spokesman Not Aware Of Church Petitions

BOISE (UPI)—A spokesman for the John Birch Society in Idaho said Monday night he wasn't aware of a move by the group to organize a recall election against Idaho Sen. Frank Church.

A national columnist (Drew Pearson) was quoted Monday as saying the John Birch Society was planning a recall election against Church to make a show of Church's "liberalism."

Jim Waite, coordinator for the John Birch Society in southern Idaho, said he did not know of the recall. Waite, said it was possible, however, that some "individual" members of the John Birch Society could be involved.

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Idaho GOP Leaders Avoid Recall Move

BOISE (UPI) — Idaho's top GOP leaders Tuesday asked Republican party members to avoid any contact with the recall movement against Democrat Sen. Frank Church.

Both Sen. Len Jordan and Gov. Don Samuelson asked Republicans to avoid the movement started Tuesday with the filing of the necessary 20 original recall petitions with the secretary of state.

A required 25,240 signatures will now be needed to make the recall successful.

Jordan said he personally wanted "no part" in the movement started in conservative Kootenai County against Church because of his peace-table approach to the Vietnam War.

"Debate of the issues on their merits is essential to a free society," said Jordan in a statement from Washington. "I deplore criticisms and acts which are irresponsible as much as I deplore attempts to equate responsible criticisms with disloyalty.

"If opposition to policies of the Johnson Administration is to be muzzled, I predict a busy season for the muzzlers in the months ahead.

State Democratic Chairman E. T. Waters called the movement a "rabid" John Birch Society step to make Idaho the "Alabama of the west in politics."

Samuelson said he wanted "nothing whatsoever" to do with the call for the special election.

"I hope that no Republican will have anything to do with the recall," he said.

Officials of the John Birch Society in Idaho and the Liberty Lobby, a right-wing group, claim they have taken no part in the instigation of the movement but said some individual members may be involved.

Certified by Kootenai County Clerk Harold E. Peterson, the petition contains signatures of 19 registered voters and 1 person unlisted on the county record.

The petition to recall Church said the Democrat should be removed from the senate because:

—"Senator Church has consistently opposed military measures which would help win the war in Vietnam and save the lives of hundreds of Americans dying in Vietnam each week the war continues.

"At a time when Americans are being killed in Vietnam by Russian bullets, fired from Russian guns, Sen. Church, contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Idaho, has supported the Soviet Consular Treaty, thereby giving aid and comfort to the Soviet Union."

The initiating petition was filed Monday with secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa. He said it was brought to his office by a person who identified himself as Gene M. Mileck, 1221 College, St. Maries.

A Gene Mileck, St. Maries city dog catcher, sent a copy of the petition to United Press International and said it was circulated by a "statewide committee" he heads that is known as the "victory in Vietnam Committee."

Cenarrusa said his office would put the petition on file but added, "it's meaningless" so far because it lacks the required number of signatures. For a recall election it takes the signatures of 25,259 voters —10 per cent of the aggregate vote cast for governor in the last general election.

Saying he doubted if the group could obtain that many signatures, Cenarrusa said he felt the move was "wrong in principle and the Republican party has nothing to do with it."

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Green Beret Talk Scheduled Here

A former member of the Green Beret in Vietnam, Sgt. Alan Davidson, is scheduled to speak in Salmon at the Pioneer School Multipurpose room Friday at 8 p.m.

The speaker is being sponsored here by the Lemhi County "Truth About Civil Turmoil" committee headed by Mrs. Frank Stoddard.

The event is open to the public.

Sgt. Davidson also will show on the scene color photos taken in Vietnam.

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Glendive Police Department
City Hall Building
Glendive, Montana 59330

ATTN: [redacted]

Gentlemen:

I have enclosed two SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE balloons. This is part of a nation wide project sponsored by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY for Halloween Night. When the children come to the Door Trick and Treating each member of the John Birch Society will drop one of these balloons in the sack. We of the society recognize the importance of law and order, and particularly in times such as these and are doing all in our power to support our law enforcing agencies. We know of no better way than to have the children of this nation grow up with a respect for the local Patrolman on the beat. In the event you feel you are subject to unfair criticism or anything of this nature, please call on me, as we have a local SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE COMMITTEE.

Kindest regards and keep up the good work.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC

DATE: 10/26/67

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a thermofax copy of a letter received by Chief of Police Gary Olson, Glendive, Montana, which is self-explanatory. Enclosed with the letter were two blue balloons with the words "SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE" printed thereon. The Balloons contained no other markings or writings.

On 10/25/67 Chief Olson advised he and the Sheriff had contemplated making a press release in the local newspaper at Glendive repudiating any assistance from the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; however, on this date he advised that they had reconsidered the matter and feel that unless the society themselves advertise this program in the papers, any comments by them would draw undue attention to the society.

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TACT brings speaker here

E. FREEMAN YEARLING

Another in a series of speakers brought to Blackfoot by the Bingham County TACT committee is scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

The Rev. E. Freeman Yearling, billed as the head of the "New National Negro Congress of Racial Pride," will speak on the topic, "Cause and Cure of Civil Turmoil."

The price of admission is $1 for adults, 50 cents for students. "TACT" or the Truth About Civil Turmoil committee, is affiliated with the John Birch Society.

Freeman has been a critic of the leadership within the civil rights movement. He was ordained a minister in 1951 and ran against Adam Clayton Powell in a special election in Harlem in 1967.

Freeman says he believes, "Compulsory integration, racial balancing and bussing are un-American, un-constitutional and morally wrong."

He says he opposes "reverse discrimination," for example, "it is just as wrong to hire a man because he is a Negro as not to hire a man because he is a Negro."

In May Yearling was elected to a three-year term on the Malverne School Board in New York City.

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THE BLACKFOOT NEWS

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[redacted]
Hilger, Montana 59451

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 7th and want to thank you for your expression of confidence and kind sentiments.

In response to your inquiries regarding the John Birch Society, it is contrary to my policy to furnish the type of evaluation you requested. The FBI has not investigated this organization.

With respect to your question relating to riots, my testimony on August 1, 1967, before the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders was at a closed session and the full text has not yet been released. Accordingly, I am unable to make any comment concerning it.

This Bureau does not have any material available for distribution pertaining to the Farmers Union.

Sincerely yours,

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Hilger, Montana
February 7, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My husband and I joined the John Birch Society about two years ago because we wanted to help turn the tide of collectivism and Communist influence in our country.

Since then we have been subjected to the most vicious slander and hostility from people we have known for years.

We are convinced that most of these people are simply brainwashed by Communist and Socialist propaganda and don't know the real purpose of the Society. Also there are many who don't know what Communism is and won't believe us when we try to point out obvious Communist influence in certain organizations or publications.

These same people turn right around and tell us that the John Birch Society is Communist.

We have been very careful to be sure of our information before wetry to inform others.

I would appreciate it very much if you would answer my letter and state what you think of the Society or at least that it is not subversive. I would like to use your letter, if you don't mind to prove to our families and friends that we're not 'mixed up in a Communist organization'.

Would you reccommend the California Report on the Society to someone who is looking for the truth about our organization?

I have heard it stated that you said that the riots that have been occurring across the country are not part of a national conspiracy. I couldn't believe that you would say that. Would you please clear this up for me in your letter, if you can find time to write.

I realize how busy you are but this means a lot to me and I believe it would be a big help to our citizens to know just who is the enemy and who they can turn to in the case of a national emergency.

I have the utmost respect for you and wish you and our country God's blessings.

Do you have any information on past history of the Farmer's Union that you could send me?

Sincerely,

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Speaker Says Negroes Used As 'Fall Guys' By World Communism To Start Civil War

American Negroes are being used as "fall guys" by world communism to precipitate civil war, the Rev. E. Freeman Yearling, a New York Baptist minister, told the Lewiston-Clarkston Kiwanis Club yesterday.

Riots which have beset urban areas of the United States, he said, are planned and financed by "one world believers, liberals, Socialists and Communists to attain their end." This end, he told Kiwanians, is to place the world's resources and populations "in a one world government . . . under totalitarian control."

Mr. Yearling, national director of the National Negro Congress of Racial Pride, also spoke at a public meeting last night at the Hotel Lewis-Clark under sponsorship of Lewiston-Clarkston area committees of Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT). The more than 200 who attended were asked to sign a guest register listing their name and address and their source of knowledge about the talk.

Mr. Yearling's noon talk to the Kiwanis club drew two questions from the Rev. C. Richard Boyd, pastor of the Lewiston First Methodist Church. Mr. Boyd asked of Mr. Yearling whether the membership records of TACT, the National Negro Congress of Racial Pride and the John Birch Society "with which you identified yourself on the radio this morning" were open for public examination. Mr. Boyd said records of his church are open to the public:

"As far as the National Negro Congress of Racial Pride goes, we have never tried to hide our identity," said Mr. Yearling, "but we don't have our records listed in the public library." Pressed again for clarification of his statement, he replied, "Our books are open to our members. I think that is as it should be."

Mr. Boyd then asked of the Kiwanis board of directors whether it was Kiwanis policy "to provide a variety of views" on controversial subjects. Robert A. Pew, club president, suggested Mr. Boyd "approach the board" when it next meets.

Riots, said Mr. Yearling, "are organized by a secret government department in Moscow" and "are intended to undermine and split the American people."

"Whether we know it or not, we are in the last phase of world communism," he said. This movement is "two years ahead of schedule," he added, and its fomenters now feel their goal can be reached by 1970.

"There are only two movements on this planet, Americanism and world communism," he declared. "Any other movements are variations of the two . . . The existence of the United States as a self-governed nation rests in the balance."

"What is the cure? The answer is simple, but not easy. It is Americanism in theory and practice. The American people must want Americanism. This is not something that is suspended in mid-air . . . The only way we can uproot communism is to get faith to solve our problems through Americanism, not world communism. If we have a sufficient amount of faith, we can reverse the tide. Faith turns injustice into justice, poverty into wealth, slavery into freedom. We can preserve this American form of government if we have faith in God, our country and ourselves, and then do something about it.

"If we lose this last best hope for freedom, those who want to have all men live in peace as brothers will have no chance," he told his audience. "As long as there is a totalitarian socialist government on this earth, there will be riots and strife. The only real hope for peace is total victory over communism."

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The Missoulian

Lecturer Asks Audience To Join Birch Society

By CAROL CASH
Missoulian Correspondent

HAMILTON — Alan Stang, journalist and lecturer, ended his speech at the Rocky Mountain Grange Hall Thursday night by telling his audience to "either forget what I have just told you about the civil turmoil within our country or go out and join the greatest organization in American today — the John Birch Society!"

Sponsored by the Ravalli County Truth About Civil Turmoil Committee, Stang spoke to an audience of some 150 persons.

He talked for nearly two hours on the unrest within the country, interspersing his talk with clippings from newspapers to document what he had said.

He said riots, turmoil and unrest do not just happen, but are programmed, with the ultimate plan of the civil rights movement to enslave America. He described in detail several organizations and persons involved in this movement, including Lincoln Lynch, Stokely Carmichael, Rap Brown and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee.

The latter, according to Stang, is the most communist-inspired organization in the South. He also referred to the late Dr. Martin Luther King as probably the most important element in the conspiracy to destroy the United States.

Of particular interest was one incident that, according to some observers, almost seemed to have been staged.

At one point in his talk, Stang stated that there hasn't been enslavement in the United States for 100 years.

"Nonsense!" shouted a man from the rear of the hall.

"Who said that?" asked Stang.

"I said 'nonsense!'" the man shouted back.

Somebody else in the audience then said the man in the rear of the hall was the one who hadn't saluted the flag.

"I want that man escorted out of here," Stang said, ordering the man's donation to be returned to him.

As the man left the hall, Stang said, "Good night, comrade" and the crowd applauded.

Several times Stang made reference to the communist way of accomplishing a goal and how today they are attempting to do that in this country by various means of violence and unrest. He said the three ways the communists use this strategy are by chaos, consolidated control and change of economy.

In refering to the recent Democratic convention, Stang said terrorists arranged the riots, with people being gassed and clubbed by police. He also said television viewers weren't shown the wrath showered upon the police by unruly terrorists. He said police were subjected to glass bottles, lye, oven cleaner, broken pieces of asphalt and bags of human excrement thrown at them.

In discussing the civil turmoil, Stang also touched on the Vietnam war.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1672) DATE: 9/23/68

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO CONCERNING

On 9/16/68, [redacted] [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted]

at the University of Montana, told him he had been contacted by three men representing an organization known as "TACT." They stated there would be a public meeting on Tuesday night, 9/17/68, at 7:30 p.m., at the Southside National Bank, Missoula, Montana, where plans on possible ways to prevent ADAM CLAYTON POWELL from speaking at UM and/or how to disrupt the meeting would be discussed. (POWELL is scheduled to speak at UM on 10/3/68, at 8:30 p.m.)

These three men came to [redacted] and asked him to involve himself in the meeting; he declined.

He does not know what "TACT" stands for.

The men who met with [redacted] were (FNU) [redacted] from KGVO-TV; [redacted], a construction employee, employer unknown; and [redacted] from Alberton, Montana.

Since this is to be a public meeting, he assumes there may be press coverage.

He heard from an unrecalled source that the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY would be in Missoula the same dates ADAM CLAYTON POWELL will be here.

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TACT PRESENTS

Julia Brown

FORMER F.B.I. UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE

Speaking on

AMERICA BLACKMAILED BY THREATS OF VIOLENCE

Having joined the Communist Party in the mistaken belief that it was a "civil rights" organization, Julia Brown, a negro lady from Cleveland, Ohio, is uniquely qualified from personal experience to reveal how the Reds pervert legitimate movements at the highest levels. Mrs. Brown quit the Party after nine months when she realized the Communist Party is "a conspiracy trying to destroy my country." She immediately contacted the FBI, which requested that she continue to work within the Party as an undercover operative. For nine years Julia Brown risked her life supplying the government with vital information on Communist activities until she was "surfaced" to testify before a Congressional Committee in 1962. Here is your opportunity to learn first hand of Communist techniques of infiltration and perversion within the civil rights movement.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1968 - 8:00 P.M.

Holiday Inn Convention Center
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To: Julia Brown

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I AGREE WITH THE TACT POSITION ON CIVIL TURMOIL AND WISH TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

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BY THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE

OUR SUMMERS WILL SURELY GET BOTH LONGER AND HOTTER . . .

UNLESS . . .

AMERICANS REALIZE THAT VIOLENCE AND THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE ARE BEING USED AS WEAPONS OF INTIMIDATION AND BLACKMAIL.

UNLESS . . .

AMERICANS REALIZE THAT THE CALL TO VIOLENCE IS ROOTED IN A MALIGNANT ANTI-AMERICAN IDEA:

. . . The idea that America can be blackmailed;

. . . The idea that the indolent and irresponsible must be supported by the industrious and law-abiding;

. . . The idea that, if the tax consumers are not given a standard of living equal to that of the taxpayers, they have a right to burn and pillage and kill;

. . . The idea that government exists for the purpose of plundering those who work to pacify those who will not work.

Julia Brown will speak in JEROME, Friday, October 25th at 8:00 PM in the LDS Church, 520 N. Lincoln. Tickets purchased may be used either nite;

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TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL TURMOIL

TACT Committees are organized in your community by concerned local citizens for the sole purpose of helping their neighbors understand the forces that are using our youth, our desire for peace, freedom of speech, and so-called civil rights, to pit one segment of our society against the other, in an organized effort to create civil turmoil leading to riots, destruction and lawlessness. We ask all individuals to join with us and, through education and understanding, help expose these forces that are turning American against American.

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Former FBI Agent To Speak Tonight

Civil disturbances will be the subject of a talk to be given at 8 tonight in the Little Theatre, Idaho Falls Senior High School, by Miss Julia Brown, who for nine years was an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sponsoring Miss Brown's appearance is the Truth About Civil Turmoil committee, said Eugene Andrews, publicity chairman.

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FBI Agent Lectures At College

Negro Speaker Sees Communism Behind Rioting

The riots in this country "from the beginning" have been "Communist inspired, Communist led and Communist planned," a Negro lecturer said in Boise Monday.

Miss Julia Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, identified as an undercover operative for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made the statement in a speech at Boise State College. She also spoke Monday evening at the Columbian Club, sponsored by a committee called Truth About Civil Turmoil.

In a question-and-answer period at the college, Miss Brown told the audience of 50 persons, about half of them of student age, that they should study communism in order to identify Communists in local organizations, including Communist professors.

"Sooner or later they will spout the commie line," she said.

Miss Brown said Communists have infiltrated "every strata of the American society." She said she had been threatened "many times" since leaving the Communist party in 1959, including recent threats in Ogden and Logan, Utah.

Miss Brown said, among other things, she favors "peaceful boycott" as a means for Negroes to obtain equal rights. Replying to a question that she document statements that the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King had Communist affiliations, she suggested the questioner write the House Committee on unAmerican Activities for more information.

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Letters to Statesman Editor

BOISE, IDAHO, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1968

THE IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN

TACT Committee Speaker Termed Paid Employe of Birch Society

Editor, The Statesman:

There are few days that the mail carrier does not deliver one and sometimes many pieces of "junk" mail. Some pieces are addressed to an individual and others only as "box holder." It's a game our family plays to detect the source which was used to get our address for the piece of mail. Today was no exception, one piece of mail which came to our box was addressed by name, and the source of our address was the telephone directory. Presumably many of you received similar circulars.

"TACT presents Julia Brown" I read as I opened the circular. Many of the items which fill our mail box are of cheap paper and are not artistically prepared—not so with the one telling about Julia Brown and TACT. The "information" which the circular presented aroused my interest. I looked farther to find out about both the organization and Julia Brown. I believe there are others who would like to know about my findings.

The Institute for American Democracy, Inc. has published information which says that in July 1965, Mr. Robert Welch announced that the John Birch Society would launch a hard-hitting drive to repeal the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The most important facet, Welch declared, would be "the setting up throughout the country of hundreds of local or regional ad hoc committees" to be known as Truth About Civil Turmoil committees. There are now scores of these TACT fronts. They include many non-Birchites. TACT brings in the Birch speakers. They do not announce themselves as John Birch Society, anti-civil rights committees.

[illegible] Edgar Hoover says about the JBS. In his report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee in 1967 he stated, "Generally speaking, hate-type and similar extremist organizations parade under the guise of patriotism, anti-communism and concern for the destiny of the country. Behind this veneer, however, is a deep hatred for such groups as the Negroes, members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, and immigrants.

"While pretending to formulate their own particular theories for improving our government — the extremists merely offer emotionally charged solutions to the gullible and unthinking person who craves for the simple answer. — They pretend to be Christian and God-fearing, yet preach hatred for those of differing religions or races. They preach a return to their own idea of Constitutional Government yet defy the laws of Congress and trample on the rights of their fellow citizens."

Julia Brown was merely a paid informant for the FBI (1951-1960). She joined the Communist Party of her own volition, became disenchanted, quit, then returned to the party at the request of the FBI. Her views on the civil rights movement have changed considerably since she became a paid JBS lecturer.

In the March 1961 issue of EBONY, a respected Negro Magazine, she is quoted as saying "I'm 100 per cent with the NAACP, and I think they are doing a wonderful job. Top government officials are aware that the NAACP is legal and is working in the American way for first class citizenship for all Americans." This statement was made after she was no longer a paid informer for the FBI but before she had been picked up by the Birch Society. On Sept. 30, 1965 as a paid lecturer Julia Brown told an audience in Fort Wayne, Ind. there are "no good Negro organizations because all were infiltrated with Communists." The NAACP and the National Urban League were included in this statement. She has also declared that the Watts riots in Los Angeles, were "Communist-inspired." She has lived in Los Angeles, she says, and "There are no slums there". — PHYLLIS HOWARD, Nampa.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I was advised by the F.B.I. Agent here in Boise today to call you concerning an article in our newspaper. I was told you weren't in and was referred to a [redacted] I told him I am a member of the Birch Society and know these accusations made by [redacted] of Nampa, Idaho to be untrue & I was sure that your quoted statement did not include the John Birch Society. His reply was that all members of our society did not believe the same - which is true of any two people all things considered, but the members of the John Birch Society are dedicated Constitutional Americans, so I thought I'd better write straight to you as I have done sometimes before.

Would you please make a statement about the John Birch Society and comment on the statement accredited to you in the paper?

Also, may I take this occasion to express my admiration for you and appreciation for your service & loyalty to our wonderful United States of America!

Most sincerely,

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Boise, Idaho 83706

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 1, 1968, with enclosure, has been received, and I want you to know that your comments concerning my administration of this Bureau are indeed appreciated.

In connection with your inquiry, I thought you would like to know that as a matter of policy we do not make evaluations of the type you requested nor of the kind which, by inference, was attributed to me in the item you enclosed. I can tell you that the John Birch Society has never been the subject of investigation by the FBI.

For your information, a copy of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 10, 1966, is enclosed. On page 52 you will find that portion of my testimony which is quoted in the newspaper clipping you sent. You will note that no mention whatever is made of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SAC: Enclosed for the information of your office is a true copy of [redacted] letter of 11-1-68, together with a copy of her enclosure.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I read your paper bound book, "Masters of Deceit", which I accidently discovered in a bookstore. May I comment in brief praise that it is the most complete piece of literature exploiting communism, I've ever read, thanks to you.

Why I'm writing to you, is concerning the John Birch Society. Recently I paid one year's membership, to attend it's meetings, because I feel it's the only organization which is making an effort to exploit the recent day scheme's of communism, to undermine our republic form of government. However, I don't believe in many of it's extreme conservative right wing ideas and implications, namely for an example; they advocate abolishing the federal minimum waze law; also infering in Robert Welch's book, "The Politican", that former President Eisenhower was a dupe for the communists, however I feel that Eisenhower was used by the communists.

In your book "Masters of Deceit", on page 226, is your list of test lines to detect a communist front organization. Quote from your book; "have outstanding leaders in public life openly renounced affiliation with the organization"; non quote.

Six years ago, Richard Nixon was running in the primarys for governor of California against a republican, John Birch, candidate. Nixon publicly renounced affiliation with the John Birchers. Don't get me wrong, at this present time, Nixon appears to be an outstanding leader, however, whereas six years ago he didn't.

Then on page 120 in the 1968 November issue of "Reader's Digest" the, then, governor of Maryland, Spiro T. Agnew said, quote from the Reader's Digest; "Tell me one constructive achievement that has flowed from the madness of the twin priest of violence, Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown. They do not build— they demolish. They are agents of destruction, and they will surely destroy us if we do not repudiate their Philosophies— along with those of the white racists such as Joseph Carroll and Connie Lynch, the American Nazi Party, the John Birchers and their fellow travelers."; non quote. However at that time the news media made jokes saying "Spiro who".

I hope you don't misconstrue my thoughts because I hope Nixon and Agnew will give outstanding leadership to our country.

May I ask you, whom I feel has a finer status symbol as a great American Patroit than any man in our nation's history, if the John Birch Society is communistic, would you please inform me and our public of it's subversive activities to overthrow our government. I feel it should be more inclined to middle of the road thinking. But why are our leaders denouncing it if it's nonless American, than it has been to lean to the conservative right.

If the John Birch Society isn't the answer, to keep people awake to the continuing threat of communism, what is. I'm 31 years old, and I feel people are to preoccupied in themselves and present day fads to careless about the threat of communism. I feel that an organization of some kind has to be active, in the fight against communism, to personally pry the people away from the different preoccupations and intoxicating means of entertainment by constantly keeping them awake to religious and constitutional freedoms provided them, which communism is seeking to destroy.

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Thank you for this pleasure to read me, I hope you may have time to answer my letter. Thanks a million.

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January 30, 1969

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Pablo, Montana 59855

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 24th and I want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

In reply to your inquiry, I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable and I have repeatedly emphasized it is imperative for Americans to study the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing literature on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DAVID E. GUMAER

FORMER CAMPUS UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE

Personally Reporting on

DEMONSTRATIONS-DRAFT DODGING-RIOTS

LEGITIMATE PROTEST OR - PLANNED SUBVERSION FROM THE CAMPUS?

David Emerson Gumaer, while working as an undercover operative for Police Intelligence, was assigned to infiltrate and report on the subversive activities of the so-called New Left movement in America. For two years he was a member of the Communist youth apparatus — the campus based W. E. B. DuBois Clubs.

Once accepted as a fellow revolutionary, Gumaer worked his way into high level national staff meetings of the Communist DuBois clubs, and in fact, worked for a time in their national office in Chicago. Having gained the confidence of DuBois leadership, he was directed by Police Intelligence to join several other left organizations, including the notorious S.D.S., Students For a Democratic Society.

Gumaer attended strategy meetings of the Trotskyite Communist Young Socialist Alliance, the youth arm of the Socialist Workers Party, and discussed revolution with the leader of the violent Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM). He was also staff member of the Communist controlled National Conference For New Politics.

His investigation revealed an incredible plot to recruit America's campus youth in a subversive movement aimed at the ultimate violent overthrow of our government.

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Revolution On Campus Talk Topic

"Revolution on Campus — Legitimate Protest or Planned Subversion?" will be the topic of David Emerson Gumaer in a talk at 8 p.m. Thursday in College of Great Falls Theater. Gumaer will be sponsored by TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil), headed by Robert Davies. Gumaer said he was picked by one of America's major metropolitan police departments to infiltrate and report on subversive activities within the so-called New Left movement.

Gumaer

Groups he said he infiltrated are the Yippies, the Young Socialist Alliance, the Revolutionary Action Movement and the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, which he called the Communist youth apparatus.

He also said he was directed to join the Students for a Democratic Society.

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TO : SAC, Butte

DATE: 5/16/69

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
John Birch Society 62-1672

On 5/16/69, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Bozeman, Mont., advised that a letter addressed to [redacted] Bozeman, was delivered, by mistake, to [redacted] rural box, and [redacted] opened it before her realized it was not for him. It appeared to be a letter of welcome to two new members, the [redacted] from [redacted] who indicated she was chapter leader, for Chapter #649, of the John Birch Society, and contained pamphlets and information re the organization, giving headquarters address of Belmont, Mass., with West Coast headquarters as San Marino, Cal. [redacted] scotch-taped the material and marked it opened by mistake, re-mailed it. Hes box is [redacted] so he assumed the [redacted] lived in the same general area, [redacted] but [redacted] does not know them or [redacted]

1968 Bozeman Directory shows [redacted] as operator and cook at [redacted] Bozeman, residing [redacted] was listed as manager, [redacted] Bozeman, [redacted] residing on [redacted] no record of [redacted]

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Birchers Oppose Sex Class

Mrs. Dolores Colburg, superintendent of public instruction, has confirmed receiving letters from persons belonging to the John Birch Society protesting sex information courses in Montana schools.

"The Birch line from in Montana and out-of-state maintains that sex education in the schools is Communsit-inspired," she said, adding that the criticism harkens back to the McCarthy era.

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11 The Independent Record, Helena Mont

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COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH

J. EDGAR HOOVER'S 1960 WARNING

J. EDGAR HOOVER

Communist Infiltration and Agitation Tactics

Report by J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The successful Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world today are a major challenge which free world forces must meet and defeat. Recent world events clearly reveal that world communism has launched a massive campaign to capture and maneuver youth and student groups.*

A Basic Tenet of Communist Strategy

It has long been a basic tenet of Communist strategy to control for its own evil purposes the explosive force which youth represents. In the relentless struggle for world domination being waged by them, Communists are dedicated to the Leninist principle that "youth will decide the issue of the entire struggle—both the student youth and still more, the working-class youth."*

COMMUNISTS ORDERED TO CONCENTRATE ON YOUTH

In the Declaration of the International Communist Conference held in Moscow in November and December of 1960, it was pointed out that, "There are new opportunities now to draw the younger generation into the struggle for * * * the great ideas of Communism" and the Declaration ordered the Communists of the world to "extend their work among the youth." (World Marxist Review, December 1960.)

The Communist Party in our country, true to form, immediately made plans to carry out Moscow's instructions. Gus Hall, as head of the Communist Party, U.S.A., ordered the party to "give much higher priority for the work among youth."†

At Youth Conferences during the early 1960's the Party launched a tremendous drive to infiltrate student groups. Careful plans were drafted explaining how young Communists, working on the campuses, could exploit such controversial subjects as civil rights, academic freedom and other so-called "peace" issues.†

GUS HALL

*Communist Target – Youth, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961.

†The Communist International Youth and Student Apparatus, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1963.

MANY AMERICANS POINT TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION AND TAKE COMFORT IN THE THOUGHT THAT, "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE"

TACT Committees are organized in your community by concerned local citizens for the sole purpose of helping their neighbors understand the forces that are using our youth, our desire for peace, freedom of speech, and so-called civil rights, to pit one segment of our society against the other, in an organized effort to create civil turmoil leading to riots, destruction and lawlessness. We ask all individuals to join with us and, through education and understanding, help expose these forces that are turning American against American.

IS IT HAPPENING HERE?

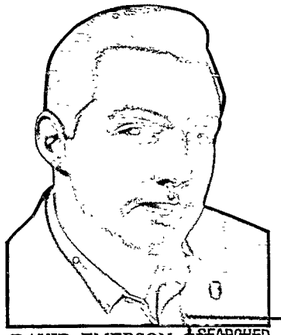
The majority of America's youth are undoubtedly patriotic. Unfortunately, many young people in our nation are totally unaware of the extent to which they are being victimized and exploited.

David E. Gumaer, in cooperation with the F.B.I. and local police, risked his life to learn the truth about subversion on America's campuses.

While working as an undercover operative for the Intelligence Division of a major metropolitan Police Department, Dave Gumaer penetrated the policy-making meetings of such groups as:

(SDS)	**Students For A Democratic Society**
(DBC)	**W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America**
(HPC)	Hyde Park Committee To End The War In Vietnam
(SSOHR)	South Shore Organization For Human Rights
(YSA)	Young Socialist Alliance
(NCAHUAC)	National Committee To Abolish The House Un-American Activities Committee
(SMC)	Student Mobilization Committee
(NCNP)	National Conference For New Politics
(CPC)	Chicago Peace Council

Gumaer will describe his personal, behind-the-scenes, observations of the violent outbreaks that rocked Chicago during the recent Democratic Convention. He saw much of the violence being planned after he successfully infiltrated the Communist "Yippie" movement. Gumaer charges "it was not the police but the Yippies who instigated the rioting".



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FORMER CAMPUS UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE

Speaking on

REVOLUTION ON CAMPUS

LEGITIMATE PROTEST OR—PLANNED SUBVERSION?

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TO : SAC, Butte

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Information Concerning; SM-SDS

Attached are items handed to SA [redacted] on 7/30/69, by [redacted] Bozeman, Mont. One is single page advertisement of Gumaer's appearance at Willson Auditorium, on 8/5/69, listing him as "Former campus undercover operative", "speaking on Revolution on Campus", sponsored by Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) Committee, and The Gallatin Action Committee of Gallatin. The other two-page brochure quotes the Director, Gus Hall, indicates that Gumaer cooperated with the FBI, and shows that if anyone is interested in more literature or in contributing, reply to "Route 1, Box 241, Bozeman, Mont."

On 7/31/69, [redacted] (protect), [redacted] advised [redacted] The 1968 Bozeman City Directory lists [redacted] as manager of [redacted] Bozeman.

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Campus Unrest Is Topic

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David Gumaer, who describes himself as a former campus undercover agent, will speak on "Revolution on Campus" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Snowflake Room of Rimrock Lodge.

He is presently on a speaking tour of Montana sponsored by an organization called Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT). Chairmen of the TACT committees in this area are: Clint Ober, Billings; Craig Cunningham, west of Billings; and Dick Stark, Shepherd.

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Working for police intelligence, Gumaer infiltrated several youth organizations on campus to investigate any subversive movement, pre-meeting literature says.

"GUMAER WILL describe his personal observation of the violent outbreaks that rocked Chicago during the recent Democratic conventions," the literature says.

The literature sent out in advance did not specify the city in which Gumaer worked but said it was a "major metropolitan police department." He also worked in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the literature says. The dates of his infiltration were not specified.

The release says "Gumaer penetrated the policy-making meetings of such groups as: Students for a Democratic Society, W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, Hyde Park Committee to End the War in Vietnam, South Shore Organization for Human Rights, Young Socialist Alliance, National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, Student Mobilization Committee, National Conference for New Politics and the Chicago Peace Council."

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Billings, Montana

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Charles E. Smith

CHARLES E. SMITH

SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC:

"CIVIL RIGHTS IS A FRAUD"

Charles E. Smith is a former member of Fair Play for Cuba Committee and founder and former member of the Los Angeles Freedom Now movements. He makes his home in Watts, California. He was there when Watts erupted into a holocaust of insurrection that summer in 1965. "Watts didn't just happen," claims Smith, "it was planned."

He says "America's enemies are using false issues like civil rights and racism to confuse and divide the American people and promote civil war." He insists that, "No one was more aware of this than civil rights leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING."

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Actions Speak Louder Than Words

John Birch Society Thinking

Mrs. Ann Allen, a leader of a City Council faction opposing recertification of the city's "Workable Program," indicated Wednesday she would continue her opposition.

She said the program is an urban renewal one with an endorsement for the Interlocal Cooperation Commission.

"Both are aimed at depriving the people of their rights under the constitution," she asserted.

It is difficult to understand how Mrs. Allen could hold such preposterous views in light of the many explanations presented about the "Workable Program" at City Council meetings. (See story on page 1).

The program allows cities to plan for the future. It provides guidelines and standards for cities to help themselves. Recertification is necessary for a city to qualify for federal Housing and Urban Development funds.

Despite the fact that the city's leading business, labor, clerical and governmental officials have participated in "Workable Program" planning for more than five years, right wing political extremists in the city continue to fight it. Such extremists have labored to smear the program as socialistic, communistic and un-American. Cities all over the nation participate eagerly in the "Workable Program" and have made excellent use of federal funds to improve their communities.

Mrs. Allen's opposition to the program follows the lines of attack used by her sister, Mrs. John Van Tighem, in previous years.

Mrs. Van Tighem, active in the John Birch Society for years, has been a consistent opponent of the "Workable Program" and other federal aid programs.

Charges in a mimeographed orange sheet distributed by a group called "Informed Citizens of Great Falls" in 1968 prompted Mayor John J. McLaughlin to castigate the group for using unfair tactics.

He said the orange sheet, admittedly put out by Mrs. Van Tighem, contained "falsehoods, innuendoes, insinuations, half statements and every other vile verbiage they can think of."

When Mrs. Allen was campaigning for her Second Ward seat on the City Council, she assured groups she was not a John Birch Society member and that she did not share the Birch philosophy.

Actions speak louder than promises. Mrs. Allen's positions on the Council floor obviously reflect Birch Society thinking.

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TACT to sponsor civil rights speaker Nov. 12

"Civil Rights is a Fraud" will be discussed at a meeting sponsored by the local chapter of the national organization, Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. in the South Fremont High School Auditorium.

Charles E. Smith, editor of "The Voice of Watts", a newsletter spotlighting the Marxist oriented agitators working to build a revolutionary movement in the troubled section of Los Angeles, will be the speaker according to M. Elmo Seely of Chester, chairman of the local TACT chapter.

Other members of the committee for the meeting are Dr. Verl Long and Larry Kerbs of St. Anthony and John Blackburn of Ashton.

"Mr Smith, a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., moved to Los Angeles in 1960 and was recruited into several groups supposedly promoting freedom and civil rights," Mr Seely said.

"He was active in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee before it was officially cited as a Communist front organization, and he later helped organize the Los Angeles Freedom Now Committee," it was noted.

According to Mr Smith, many Americans, both white and black, have been deceived by revolutionary groups that operate behind a facade of appealing slogans and high-sounding phrases.

"The Fair Play for Cuba Committee," he explained, "sounded great in the early 1960's, because nobody wanted to be against fair play."

Mr Smith said he started realizing that

Charles E. Smith

something was wrong when he learned that Lee Harvey Oswald had belonged to the Los Angeles chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and when he heard the slogan of the Freedom Now Committee shouted as the battle cries for revolution during the crucial stages of the Watts riot.

In 1968, he started publishing "The Voice of Watts." "It was a modest start," Mr Smith said. "But with the help of a few friends, we were able to distribute several hundred copies of the first crude edition."

He noted, "The Voice of Watts" is now circulated in 32 of the 50 states.

"This business of facism," Mr Smith insisted, "is a tool of the demogogue and the political opportunist."

He has called Martin Luther King's civil rights movement "a cover for revolution and maintains that the riots that have swept the cities "were planned to appear as spontaneous uprising, when in fact there was nothing spontaneous about them," it was noted.

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CHARLES E. SMITH

Editor and Publisher of the VOICE OF WATTS newsletter.

Program No. 2

ANARCHY, U.S.A.!

An expose of the Communist blueprint for racial turmoil in America!

*Date and location of "Anarchy, U.S.A." showing will be announced the evening of Mr Smith's appearance.

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Birch membership up

By GARY SVEE
Gazette Staff Writer

The John Birch Scoiety is on the upswing in Billings following the crest of law-and-order advocates and the demise of liberalism, a regional coordinator said Monday night.

Arthur Thompson, society coordinator for eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana, told 20 Birch members and guests that recruitment for the second quarter of 1971 equaled that of the past three years.

"If recruitment for the last quarter is at the same rate Montana will double its membership this year," Thompson said.

Exact figures for the state membership are not available, Thompson said, but he estimated the number to be approximately 300.

The political heft of 300 Birchers is more than enough to swing congressional races in Montana, according to Thompson.

He said each Bircher influences 100 votes in a congressional district race between a liberal and a conservative candidate.

IF THOMPSON'S estimates are accurate, Forrest Crum, who sat in on the meeting Monday night, should be able to count on 2,000 sure votes in his race for the Constitutional Convention.

Thompson said the Birchers' "moral struggle" against the satanical and diabolical forces is beginning to bear fruit in American politics.

"The majority of Americans now believe what John Birch Society was telling them in 1963, 1964 and 1965. Everyone realizes the liberals were in error," Thompson said.

One woman said she has been a Bircher since November of 1958. She has watched the organization go "down and down and down" since then.

Thompson answered that the group's resurgence is evidenced by the spread of working chapters to Canada and told the group of middle-aged men and women that youth are now disaffected by the liberal movement.

"Our recruitments in Seattle fall mainly into the under-22 years-of-age group now, more than the over-22. Within a year, the average age of this group will drop by 15 years," Thompson said.

THOMPSON SAID he was pleased with the turnout, because the meeting competed with the presentation of "Jesus Christ, Super Star" at the Shrine Auditorium.

He said he had turned off his radio when he heard an advertisement for the musical on his way to the meeting.

"Those of us who are Christian get a little irritated when non-Christians start messing around with our Saviour," Thompson said.

The two-hour film strip he showed the group is the backbone of an educational program the society is now launching in this country, Thompson said.

He added that the program is behind schedule because the film strip was sabotaged at the plant where it was being produced.

Before Thompson arrived, conversation in the group of businessmen, teachers, workers and retired persons revolved around President Richard Nixon's proposed trip to Red China, the wage and price freeze and the guaranteed annual income.

One man questioned even the usefulness of the Birch meetings.

"I think this is just one way they can keep us busy while they take us over in other ways," he said.

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The Billings Gazette

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Birch recruiters come to Montana

MISSOULA (AP) — Montana has become the target of a major recruiting campaign by the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, according to a Society coordinator from Spokane.

"Montana is one of the weakest states in the Union (in the John Birch Society)," the coordinator, Arthur R. Thompson, said in an interview Wednesday. He was in Missoula on a membership drive.

The Birch organization was founded in 1958 to fight what members believe is a communist conspiracy to take over the United States. Thompson, who coordinates activities in Spokane, part of Idaho and Montana estimated national John Birch Society membership at 100,000.

He was unable to estimate membership in Montana although there are chapters in Missoula, Helena, Bozeman, Kalispell and some other cities.

Thompson said Birch lecturer Charles E. Smith of Santa Barbara drew a "fantastic reception" in Thompson Falls Monday. Smith addressed a group in Missoula Tuesday.

Speaking of the trials involved in attracting members in Montana, Thompson said, "Frankly, its bigotry. There's a bunch of idiots over here." He said anti-semitic conservative organizations have attracted some Montanans.

"They attack us because we have a Jew and a Catholic priest on our national board of directors," Thompson said.

Disputing reports that Hamilton is a Birch stronghold, Thompson said there are simply an "abnormal percentage of people in Hamilton who belong to conservative organizations that are racist."

Thompson said President Richard M. Nixon essentially ran on a Birch platform in 1968 and was elected largely because of it. He said Birchers believe Nixon betrayed the country when he instituted wage and price controls, and made attempts to smooth relations with the Republic of China and the Soviet Union.

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Dear Friend:

A scandal far greater than Watergate is ready to explode at any moment, and you and I are right in the middle of it!

This scandal has all the familiar elements: evasion of the law, tax favoritism, manipulation, bribery and conspiracy.

But it is bigger than Watergate--far bigger--because its scope is international.

The figures involved are much more powerful than Richard Nixon ever was. And their corrupt influence extends to more than one government--they operate MULTI-NATIONALLY . . . in almost every nation in the world.

THIS SECRET GROUP OF SUPER-RICH AND POWERFUL FINANCIERS, PUBLICISTS, "EDUCATORS" AND POLITICIANS IS KNOWN AS THE BILDERBERGERS. ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO THEY MET AGAIN TO PLAN YOUR FUTURE.

Their conference was held in total secrecy. The luxurious hotel they met in was located in far-off Turkish Asia. The dead-end road to it was blockaded by police. The huge hotel was ringed with soldiers carrying submachine guns. It was watched day and night by helicopters. A Turkish warship cruised offshore. Reporters were forbidden entrance.

THIS WAS A "WORLD SUMMIT CONFERENCE" OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEN IN THE WORLD . . . THESE SHADOWY, SUPER-POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL BANKERS "PULL THE STRINGS" ATTACHED TO THEIR POLITICIANS, WHO DANCE TO THEIR TUNES AND BASK IN THE FLOODLIGHT OF THEIR PRESS.

The three richest men in the world were in Turkey at the Bilderberg meeting. They control hundreds of billions of dollars in banks, industries, raw materials and newspapers. They even control the

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central banks of the world, such as the Bank of France, the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve System. Through their control of the press they prevent the public from knowing these things.

They have no loyalty to any country; they are motivated only by their insatiable greed. They are internationalists. Treason to their homeland is second nature to them. Their insane appetite for profit is the one and only reason for East-West trade and "detente." While you and I and the rest of the taxpayers pick up the bill, they pocket the profit. They sold arms to both sides in Vietnam--just as they have always done in every war. The blood of millions is on their hands. They have financed, assisted and promoted communism since the days of Trotsky and Lenin. No wonder they hide. They need secrecy to survive. If the people of the world realized the truth about these madmen they would be brought to speedy justice.

IN 1971 THEY DISCUSSED THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR. When President Nixon did it they made billions in profit--even though the Bilderberg floating dollar policy put an end to the financial independence of the U.S. and signals the impending collapse of the American economy. Last year they discussed Portugal and Africa. Immediately there was a "communist coup" in Portugal which delivered Portugal's fabulously rich African colonies--Angola and Mozambique--to them.

WHAT PLANS WERE MADE IN 1975? This year they discussed the Mideast. Will there be war or peace? They discussed the fall of Vietnam and how much aid you, the taxpayer, are to give to the victorious communists. They discussed the continuing decline of the dollar and how they will profit from it by selling it short while inflation (which is created by their banks) robs you and me of our wages and our savings.

Last year when I wrote you about the Bilderbergers I said: "You and I are faced with the threat of imminent destruction of everything we hold dear. If these madmen are not STOPPED we will be their slaves . . . because as soon as the American economy collapses (according to plan) there will be anarchy and revolution in America. Then--a dictatorship to restore order--and the Bilderbergers will hold America in the palm of their hands."

When I wrote that a year ago many people thought it "extreme." In the meantime, the price of groceries has shot up 25%. Gas prices are up about 80%. Hundreds of thousands of men are jobless, laid

off. The dollar is weakening as Congress prepares the people for a $100 BILLION deficit. The free world has lost Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos to the communists. We have managed to incur the wrath of both Greece and Turkey. Norway has been virtually invaded by the Soviet Union (another story the press has suppressed) while NATO looks the other way. Kissinger is getting ready to recognize Castro, and you will soon be sending your tax dollars to him to prop up his communist slave system. A President has been forced out of office and all his closest aides sent to jail while two non-elected Bilderbergers sit as President and Vice President.

Where will America be in another year? At this rate, how much time do we have before America collapses . . . and a communist dictatorship takes over? Is it merely coincidence that the communists have bragged for years that they would take over in 1976?

In spite of the increasing speed of the takeover we have made more progress this past year exposing the Bilderberg plot than ever before. Thanks to your help, millions of people today are familiar with the Bilderbergers. We have aired the facts in our publications and over our radio program (now heard on almost 200 stations, coast to coast). We have demanded that the State Department reveal its secret file on the Bilderbergers. In fact, we hurt them so badly that the Anti-Defamation League--an "action arm" of the conspiracy--tried to silence our radio voice by getting us thrown off the Mutual Network--but they bungled the job and we are fighting back strongly.

When faint-hearted friends tell me that the Bilderbergers are "too entrenched" and their plans too far advanced to stop I remind them that the entire treasonous conspiracy is based on SECRECY, and when that veil of secrecy is torn and the hot light of TRUTH is shone on their evil designs, they will be helpless. THE ONE CERTAIN WAY TO WRECK THE BILDERBERG/COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY IS TO SPREAD THE TRUTH ABOUT THEM!!

You can help--you MUST help--this exposure. Tell everyone you know. Demand that your local newspaper, radio and TV stations carry news of the Bilderbergers. Ask your Congressman and Senators to INVESTIGATE them and use their POWER OF SUBPOENA to dig out ALL THE TRUTH.

WE CAN BREAK THE BACK OF THIS CONSPIRACY AND SAVE AMERICA! HELP US EXPOSE THIS SCANDAL . . . GREATER THAN WATERGATE . . . BY FORCING IT INTO THE OPEN, WHERE THE PRESS CAN'T IGNORE IT!

Please respond to this letter at once, for the expenses of the major effort we are making are crushing. We must have your most generous financial support without delay! Please remember that all of our efforts exposing the Bilderbergers are IN ADDITION TO our regular legislative work and the very heavy drain on our finances caused by our radio program.

If you are on the Board of Policy (or if you take this opportunity to join) I will send you a fantastic book we are now preparing on the Bilderbergers. We are reprinting everything of substance that has ever appeared in print about this furtive gang of internationalists, plus pictures. You will be amazed at some of the material we have reprinted--such as a private, handwritten note to Rothschild concerning Robert McNamara (!), and a photocopy of a SECRET ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT passed out to Bilderbergers only! (Did you know that the AP issues SECRET reports for Bilderberg eyes only? Here's proof.)

Please help. We are in desperate need of funds to carry on this fight against the richest and most powerful men in the world. To continue, we must have your support--financial as well as moral. The Enemy thinks they are above the law. History shows that they stop at nothing to attain their ends--wars, assassinations, crimes of any sort are their tools. Now that their aims are virtually within their grasp, will they permit anything to stand in their way? PLEASE HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES BY LENDING YOUR FULL SUPPORT IN THIS FIGHT.

Faithfully,

Curtis B. Dall

CURTIS B. DALL, Chairman
LIBERTY LOBBY

P.S. The Bilderberg documentary, called SPOTLIGHT ON THE BILDERBERGERS, is available to Board of Policy Members without charge. If you are not yet a Member, send at least $8 for your first half-year dues ($16 per year). Of course, if you can send more, please do. We need many contributions of $100 or more to continue this work. Please remember that YOUR DOLLARS WILL BE WORTH LESS IN A YEAR THAN THEY ARE NOW. USE THEM EFFECTIVELY BY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS VITAL PATRIOTIC CAUSE!

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REp. Max Baucus
DEar SIr

Please help to locate and remove KGB agents from the N[illegible] UNITED ATES. Officials of the CIA and FBI all have tried to get congress to focus on t this new danger, but with little success. One reason is that the Presient and Kissinger have played down the threat on the gorund that airing it wouldincrease opposition to DETENTE with Russia! Intelligenc and Security officials turned over evidence turned over evidenc to the Rockerfeller Commission. It hhas been stated tha Senator Church would never use his committeeto probe the KGBagents! ///OF he did an investigation would prove that Russioans are using cong ressional Committees to destroy the effectives ness

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Please do all that you can to get this investigation through.

TAKe it up with Clarence Kelly and William Colby

Sincerely

Lena R Sherrill

~~Senator~~ ? REP , Max Baucus

Senator Buckley ahd introduced has introduced a bill that would help stem the flow of ali~~ens~~/ allegal aliens into our country . THE number of theseis t~~he~~/ about the same as the umber of people out o work here! Please give your support to his bill. It isn'yt up to us to support the whole world.!

Pardon mistakes I was trying despaerately to get these done for the mail/ AYway when you gtet to be 89 years you are allowed some leeway!

Lena R Sherrill

I HOpe you will vote AGAINST the following: J.J. RES. 606, H.J. RES 607, H.J. RES 608, H.J. RES 60 9 and H. J RES 610

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REp. Max Baucus
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Hamilton, Mont. 12/8/ 75

Dear SIr;

Please support the /FOOD STAMP REFORM ACT. WE who do the work objet to all the fruad , and people who won't work.THE storekeeper are getting tired of the time it takes their cleks to figure up the accounts of customers.

YOu indoub tedly know of the very many reasons why this bill should be passed

WE understand there are 100 members of congress who are already supporting this bill, Are you one of them?

SIncerely,
Lena R. SHerrill
Lena R Sherrill

210 S. 8th ST., Apt #2

REP Max BAucus
SEnator XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

HAMilton, Mont , 12/8/ 75

Dear Sir, FOrty one years ago Prsident Roosevelt sugned the export, Import bill for thepurpose of financing Soviet trade!When Prsident Ford sugned the trade act of 1974,HE outlawed this banks dealing with the Ussr.

Please help liquidate this Export Import Bank. It id better to liquidate a deal that cannot be made wihtut government aid.

Mrs. Lena R. Sherrill
Lena R. Sherrill

210 S. 8yh St. Apt #2

Rep. Max Baucus
SEn. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

HAmilton, MOnt. Dec. 8, 1975

Dear Sir,

After a year when with Congress set up and office for house and Sneate tp establish spending ceilings etc. Mrs ALice Rivi lin has requested $L) million t ru this office, for nexyt year and 66 more emplyyees in addition to 198 already on the board. She has reuested the use of a miousine and chauffer. Please see that sheis replaced by some one hwo has more repect fo cutting, instead of enlarging expenditirs.

Lena R. Sherrill

210 SS. 8th ST.

Rep. Max Baucus
Dear Senator Buckley has ingroduce leguslation to help stem the flow of illegal aliens I al writing to CLraence Kelly and to William Colby to do alltghey a an to sopt the flow of IKGb agents into our coutry ; Will you do all you can to help this cause. I is said the THe PRESIDENT and Kissinger have payed down this this threaton on the grounds that it Would disturb the entent/ SEn Church has sho shown no interest in a full scale investigation

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Dear [redacted]

I have received an inquiry from a constituent of mine concerned about the number of alleged KGB agents in the United States.

Any information you are able to give me on this subject would be appreciated.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Max Baucus

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